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Plaque Unveiled —

A. D. Erickson And Wife Honored At Camp Liahona Blessing Rites

A. D. Ericksen and his wife Aleda were honored by the surprise unveiling of a large bronze plaque before an audience of 150 people at the "Blessing Services" of Camp Liahona, Aug. 16.

The plaque is imbedded in the stone face of one of the two rock monuments recently erected at the gateway into campsite. The 16 by 18 inch plaque reads:

"Camp Liahona
Dedicated August 16, 1959
To the Youth
Of the Church of Jesus Christ
Of Latter-day Saints.
Without the unfailing example of A.D. Ericksen, sustained by his wife Aleda, in donating so generously of their efforts and means, thus encouraging us to do the same, this campsite would not have become a reality.
—Liahona Club"

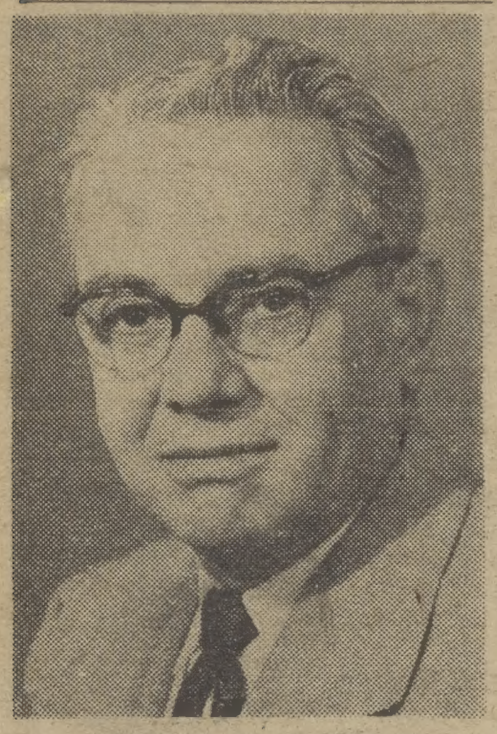
In the audience were the Oakland-Berkeley Stake presidency and their wives, President Serge J. Lauper and his wife Jean of the San Francisco Stake, his second counselor, Wallace N. Allred, Lund Johnson of the Palo Alto Stake presidency, Delbert H. Rock and his wife La Vern, and Sisters Betty Killpack and Velma Harvey of the General Board of the YWMIA from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Services were conducted by Wendell Martin, club president, and the "Story of Camp Liahona" was told by Alma D. Ericksen, sparkplug of the enterprise from its start to the August 16 fruition.

Music was conducted by Lois Sconberg, with Joanne Basinger as accordian accompanist. Co-hosts were campers from the Oakland-Berkeley Stake MIA, including nearly 100 girls and their leaders.

The sacrament service was administered and served by the presidencies of adjoining stakes, whose MIA girls camp at Liahona. These leaders also gave short talks. The invocation and benediction were by Patriarchs I.B. Ball and Robert T. Paine.

The blessing service was held at 2 p.m. and was followed by a dinner in the new dining room under a canvas canopy. The day's exercises started with a flag service at 9 a.m., included Sunday School at 10 a.m and closed with the traditional camp fireside at 7:30 p.m.



JOSEPH T. BENTLEY

Noted Speakers For Assemblies

Names of the assembly speakers, who will give addresses each evening at 6 o'clock at the Northern California Leadership Week, were announced by Elmo R. Smith, director.

Bishop Thorpe B. Isaacson of the Presiding Bishopric will be the first speaker Monday, August 31. The other speakers:

Tuesday—Harvey L. Taylor, vice president of the BYU.

Wednesday — George Mardikian, author of a best-selling book and famous San Francisco restaurateur.

Thursday—Joseph T. Bentley, general superintendent of the YMMIA and comptroller of the BYU.

Friday—Elder John B. Longdon, assistant to the Council of the Twelve.

Leadership Week To Open

Top Training To Be Given Youths, Adults

Greasepaint, dance steps, dating techniques, family group sheets, the Standard Works . . . Basketball skills, physical fitness, the Word of Wisdom, learning to lead singing . . .

These are a few of the elements that will go into the first Northern California Leadership Week August 31 - September 4 at the East Bay Interstake Center.

Hundreds of men, women and young people from more than a dozen stakes in the area will gather at the new center, at 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, to take part in the feast of learning.

Instructors in the wide variety of lectures and workshops will include some of the outstanding faculty members from Brigham Young University, plus talented educators from the Bay Area. Practically every age and interest have been considered in the courses offered.

Youth Program

The youth program starts each morning with a basketball workshop for the boys, led by BYU basketball coach Stan Watts, and a "self improvement" period for the girls, who will study the art of feminine charm.

The young people's program includes hours of recreational dancing, lectures on science and religion for youth, how to get the most out of your reading and courtship and dating.

Among offerings for adults, for example, will be classes in executive leadership, taught by Harold Glen Clark, director of the BYU adult education and extension services. Special courses will be given for bishops and other ward officers and a rich variety of religion classes are to be given, taught by such men as Dr. Sidney B. Sperry, director of graduate studies in religion at BYU.

General Assemblies

The evening's program includes discussions of the theater by Harold I. Hansen, director of the Hill Cumorah Pageant, lectures on "Know Your Standard Works" and general assemblies with General Authorities and special guest speakers.

For the Relief Society member or officer there are three lecture hours each morning on the literature lessons, social science and Church History and the Doctrine and Covenants, all taught by BYU professors.

Daily lessons are offered on the current priesthood lessons and genealogical work for priesthood quorums.

Those searching for better understanding of gospel teachings may attend lectures on "The Book of Mormon," "The Bible as Literature," "LDS Theology," "Life Eternal," "Religion in America," "The Spirit Giveth Life," "The Articles of Faith Today" or other courses.

Talk on Diet

Lectures on "Proper Diet and Good Foods," Husband-Wife Relationships," Interior Decorating," "Welfare Storage of Foods," will be of interest to many parents, as will others on "Counseling Adolescents," "Human Relations," and "Small Investors."

"The Word of Wisdom and Physical Fitness" and "How to Conduct Family Nights" are expected to be popular lectures.

Each day of the week will end with a general assembly featuring guest speakers.

Everyone is eligible to attend. The fee for the entire course is $5, or $1.50 for individual days.

Northern California Leadership Week

When—August 31-September 4.

Where—East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland.

For Whom—People of all ages who want to better themselves.

How much—$5.00 for entire week; $1.50 per day.

Where to register—With your bishop or at the door.

Who will teach—Top members of Brigham Young University faculty, and Bay Area educators.

Parked Audience Is Expected To Hear George Mardikian

One of the most loved speakers on the American platform today is the infectiously jolly 280-pound Armenian, George Mardikian, who will address the Leadership Week Assembly at the Interstake Center Auditorium Wednesday evening Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.

Mr. Mardikian came to San Francisco in 1928 a poor immigrant youth of 23 and has made himself famous as the author of his life story, "The Song of America," as a popular lecturer all over America, as the owner of the famed Omar Khayam restaurant in San Francisco, and as the citizen who without pay served as food consultant for the Army during the War and personally visited all the camps in California and brought about a revolution in serving the GI's better and more tempting 'chow'. He is today known as "The GI's Chow Champion." "The Song of America was reproduced in the Sept. 1956 Reader's Digest.

After the War he was called to Washington by President Eisenhower, then Chief of Staff, and asked to upgrade cooking in all Army bases. Mr. Mardikian spent six months of his own time free helping to revise the Army cooking manual and then several months checking firsthand every U.S. Army kitchen in the U.S. and then in Europe wherever the U.S. had an Army camp. He has been awarded every citation that the Army can bestow on a civilian and he does everything with a happy heart.

Among the things he has done to help others may be mentioned: Near-East Relief Program with President Hoover; received commendations from former Presidents Hoover, Truman and Eisenhower for food conservation; founder of the National Committee to Aid Homeless Armenians; president of the United Broadcasting Co.; recipient of Medal of Freedom (1951); and of "Americanism Medal" (1958); Nat. Council of Boy Scouts, of S.F. Boys Club, World Affairs Council, and many other similar public activities.

He has been the subject of Ralph Edwards "This is Your Life" TV program. Wherever he talks the auditoriums are crowded.

GEORGE MARDIKIAN, noted San Francisco restaurant operator and author of a best-selling book, "The Song of America," will be the speaker at the Leadership Week assembly Wednsday, Sept. 2.

BLESSING SERVICES in the Chapel of the Pines at Camp Liahona August 16 when President O. Leslie Stone of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake offered the blessing speech and prayer. A. D. Ericksen, chairman of the Liahona Club's Campsite Committee, who was honored at services, is shown delivering address, "The Story of Camp Liahona." —Photo by Jack Evans.

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ELDER and MRS. JAMES J. MUIR

Hayward Ward

Elder And Mrs. James J. Muir To Preach Gospel In Britain

The desire of a life-time was realized for Elder and Mrs. James J. Muir when they received their call to preach the gospel in the British Mission. They are scheduled to report to the Salt Lake Mission Home on September 28.

A farewell in their honor has been planned for Sunday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hayward Chapel. Bishop D. Ross McClellan is in charge of the event which will be held on the evening of Hayward Stake quarterly conference.

Brother and Sister Muir moved to the Hayward area about a year ago and until that time they were active members of Oakland Second ward. Presently a member of the Hayward Stake high council, Elder Muir served in the same position in the Oakland Stake. He supervises the Stake mission presidencies, Seventies quorums and New-Member Committees.

A native of Cardiff, Wales, Brother Muir came to Utah in 1909 with his mother and two sisters with whom he joined the Church.

Sister Muir, the former Alice Webster of Loa, Utah, was teaching school in Duchesne, Utah, when she met and married Jim on June 10, 1922. Their marriage was blessed with five children four of whom they were priviliged to raise. A son, Eugene of Santa Monica, served a mission in Samoa and a daughter, Gwen, (now Cutter), accepted a call to the Western States mission. The other children are James W. Muir of Campbell and Mrs. Melba Turrentine of Hayward.

A decendant of pioneers who stemmed from Sweden, through Sister Muir's line, the seven Muir grandchildren are sixth generation Mormons. Sister Muir has held many executive and teaching positions in her Church activities which have helped her prepare for the calling she has received.

Elder Muir is retired from a twenty-six year association with the Safeway company where part of the time he held the position of foreman. The Muirs hope to be able to do genealogy work at the completion of their mission.

Centerville Ward

Ex-Bishop Hunt And Wife Honored

By Gladys M. Clayson

Bishop Andrew G. Hunt, former bishop of Centerville Ward, was honored at a program held at the ward chapel August 8.

First counselor Wallace E. Seavers presided and Bishop Marcel Lauper of San Leandro Ward was the guest speaker. Bishop Kay Richardson, the present bishop, presented the Hunts with a book and a beautiful quilt embroidered with names of all members of the ward. The Hunts were deeply touched by the presentation.

Dancing and refreshments followed the program.

This same Saturday was the day of the ward picnic, held on the grounds of the Washington High School.

The MIA danced to the music of the best bands in the country August 3 — thanks to tape recordings. During the intermission a group of Polynesian dancers borrowed from Alameda Ward gave an exhibition, fitting into the theme, "Polynesian Paradise." Nyle Seavers worked out the clever program.

The ward's roadshow is named, "Harvest Day in Switzerland."

ELMO R. SMITH, first counselor in Oakland-Berkeley Stake Presidency, is general chairman of the first Leadership Week in Northern California.

Hayward Third Ward

Officers Named For Auxiliaries

During the past month heads of all auxiliaries have been named in the new Hayward Third Ward. George O. Pope was sustained as Sunday School Superintendent with Fred Schouten and J. Gayle Morgan as assistants and David Kirth as secretary. Sisters Grace Kealohapauole, LaRetta Blair, Elinor (Jackie) Stock, and Utahna Summerhays were named to head the Primary organization of the ward. Shirley Troub, newly sustained president of the Relief Society, has chosen Lonnie Hosac, Jennie Perry and Joyce Davis as counselors and secretary.

The YMMIA will function with Wells Grover as superintendent and Gale Gifford, a new-comer to the ward, as his assistant. Francine Mathers was sustained as YWMIA president. Leo Williams will serve as chairman of the Genealogy Committee again; and the activities of the Aaronic priesthood will be supervised by Robert Crandall with Claude Lee serving as secretary to the senior group.

Dick and Joan Stam were a welcome addition to the ward. Dick will work with the scouts and Joan has been appointed ward chorister. Other scouting men are Claire Mathers, Tom Ferrando and Ted Thiel.

Not lost in all the hustle and bustle of re-organizing was the parting of three of our active families. Ray and Verla Witzel and five children have returned to Salt Lake City to make their home. Dale and Helen Cram came back to Hayward from a trip to the Logan Temple where they were sealed to each other and their two children. Dale left August 1st to accept employment in Phoenix. Helen will stay behind until the house is sold and Dale can find living quarters for the family there. Gayle and Shirley Morgan moved to Utah last month so that Gayle can start school this fall at the college in Logan.

A hand of welcome to a new Ward member — the son of Maurice and Eunice Jones who weighed 11 pounds, 8 ounces on August 10.

Oakland Second

Paul Y. Dunn Leader At World Scout Jamboree

By Janeth Doxey

The 10th World Jamboree of Boy Scouts was held at Makiling National Park, Philippines, July 18-27 and Elder Paul Y. Dunn of the Oakland Second Ward served as the assistant National director of the American Contingent. There were 54 nations represented at this gigantic encampment with 11,000 Scouts in attendance. A total of 219 Scouts journeyed from the United States and were joined at the Jamboree by American Scouts from Guam, Korea, Japan and the Philippines — making a total of 334 American Scouts in attendance. Of this number, 12 were Latter-Day Saint Scouts. Elder Dunn also served as "Mormon" chaplain for the Jamboree.

The American Scouts who journeyed from the mainland also had opportunity to visit Hawaii, Wake Island, Japan, Thailand and Hong Kong. Several completed a circle around the globe, visiting parts of Asia, Africa, Europe and ending their travels in New York City.

The Jamboree itself was a great experience. Here the Scouts shared thir ideas and ideals with Scouts from many nations. At first the daily rains seemed a handicap, but soon the Scouts learned to overcome this. The rain was warm. When it wasn't raining, the humidity was around 90 and the temperature 90 degrees. It cooled off very little at night.

Swap Items

The greatest fun seemed to be in swapping items with the boys of other nations — some rather fantastic swaps were made including monkeys (which the Scouts found they could not bring back with them because of government restrictions) head-hunter spears, shields, bamboo mouth organs, leopard skins and many other odd things.

The beautiful Jamboree site was carved out of a jungle and mountain side. The Philippine boys made a big hit with their camps. Instead of tents as used by most of the other nations, they built bamboo houses on stilts which were adaptable to the mountain sides and kept them out of the mud and rain.

Each of the Scouts attending the Jamboree was given a special Philippine Scout hat made from straw. These are attractive and practical in the hot jungle sun.

The things remembered most about a Jomboree is the Scouting Spirit — 11,000 Scouts from 54 nations working, playing and visiting together in perfect harmony — there was an abundance of brotherly love displayed. As the Scouts departed, many tears were shed. Although they spent only 10 days together, lasting friendships were made along with vows to correspond and see each other again.

Lesson to Nations

One of the newspapers carried an editorial calling on the political leadership of the nations of the world to take a lesson from this gathering.

PAUL Y. DUNN

On August 10th a group from the ward canned peaches. A part of these will go to help our ward the stake farm assessment.

Eleven members from our ward visited the Los Angeles Temple Aug. 7 and 8 and did endowments. The trip cost $11.21 per person. There will be another excursion around the first of next year.

Ann and Gus Engstrom were married in the Los Angeles Temple on August 4. Their reception was held in the Recreation Hall of the Oakland Second Ward Aug. 7.

Dana Webb had a baby boy, Mark Ryan, July 18 at 5:03 a.m. David E. and Hannah Rowe are grandparents of a boy, John Anthony Monte III, born on the 4th of July. Bruce and Shirley Judson had a boy, Gene Wade, born June 18. They are visiting Shirley's family in Utah.

We regret to see the following people leave our ward:

Brother and Sister Snell are going to Manilla. Sister Nettie Sutor has moved to Arizona. Winne Martin and family are moving to Castro Valley. Agnes Montgomery and the David Peck family are moving to the Hayward Second Ward. Carrrey Ferrera has moved to San Leandro, Vivian Carter has moved to Castro Valley and Sister Copley is visiting in Finland.

Our closing thought — keep all appointments on time and you will never have cause to be sorry — TO BE PROMPT IN LIFE IS AN ASSET!

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Walnut Creek Ward

Many Young Members Of Ward Make Plans For College Work

By Lois H. Butler

Many young people are making plans for college. Kay Christiansen will attend Fresno State as a freshman with home economics and sewing as her interest. JoAnn Wilkinson will go to the "Y" for her first taste of college. Those attending the "Y" for the second year are Linda Skidmore, Claudia Clark, Jane Bledsoe, and Paul Clark, Joyce Morgan will be a senior. Leora Snow has finished at the "Y" and is now interning as a nurse. Lucy Christiansen and Larry Sullivan are going to "Cal" as sophomores. Diablo Valley College will have Beverly Cherrington and Joan Uffins as sophomores, Pat Ruff and Pat Monaco as juniors.

These Aaronic members have become Elders recently and taken their families to the Temple for eternal marriage and sealing: Franklyn and Ione Brown with son, Allen; Glen and Betty Jean Gerdes and four children; Frank and Virginia Lozono with Douglas and Leslie; Robert and Afton Graig with their four children. Ken Miller, Senior Aaronic, has been ordained a Teacher. The young boys of our ward are also moving up in the Priesthood. Lynn Hodge, Allen Buskirk, Trevor Mottishaw, and Bruce Muir are now Priests. David Skidmore has graduated from Primary and is now a scout and also a Deacon.

The High Priests held their monthly meeting August 9 at the home of Verland Christiansen, who with Robert Nelson were the hosts. They had listened to a tape recording of a man telling of his experiences interviewing prisoners of war who had been brain washed. The Seventies had a party and picnic at Mt. Diablo Park the afternoon of August 15. The children were included in the fun.

Two full time missionaries have been with us for the past month. Elder Miller from Shelley, Idaho, is supervising Elder of the district and Elder Coates of Mount Pleasant, Utah, is his companion.

The girls returned from MIA Camp, a little homesick, and also a little sad because the happy week was over. Their leaders were President Ione Brown, Elizabeth O'Nion, and Opal Lee. The following girls attended: Nancy Burrows, Virginia Muir, Portia Pyle, Elaine Gertsen, Cheryl Beck, Rachael Beck, Carol Willert, Sandra Marker, and Janice Marker. Sherrie Prada, Maxine Lynch, Janice Ring, Sandra Brown, Linda Wilde, Karen Hodge, Keena Krey, and Nancy Krey. Judith Green, Linda Lee, Judy Silvera, Allyn Joy Jensen, and Abbie Scofield. The MIA is happy to have Ray Sherwin as Ensign leader, Lenea Christiansen and Cory Snel as Beekeepers.

Auxiliary Changes

The Sunday School has been reorganized with Harold Clark as superintendent, Lynn Davis, first assistant and Leland Hansen as second assistant. Two new teachers have ben added to the staff, Ray Sherwin as teacher and Leone Dehlin as Theology leader. Lillian Anderson has joined the Junior Sunday School staff.

The Relief Society is preparing for the fall season with Edna Smith as the new work director counselor, Jan Hilton as Theology teacher and Barbara Dalby as Social Science leader. The Primary has two new teachers, Pat Sherwin and Judy Jewkes. They keep busy carrying out the fine summer program.

Ten people graduated from the nine month Teacher Training Course. They are: Donna Bench, Beth Chamberlin, Afton Craig, Lola Mamilton, Gloria Kimball, Guy Bledsoe, Lona Mae Lauritzen, Gay Nebeker, Hurley Pratt, and Joan Sontag. Lucille Schow taught the class. The new course will start in September.

William and Renae White are happy over their fifth child, Elizabeth Renae, who arrived August 8 and weighed eight pounds three ounces. Max and Marie Gilbert have been thrilled with the visit of their daughter, Mrs. Sharon L. Kates and little Jeffrey Gilbert Kates, from Salt Lake City. Max was happy for the opportunity to name and give a grandfathers blessing to Jeffrey, his first grandson.

Virginia Muir has undergone a serious and painful operation but is now beginning to feel better. She is a courageous, sweet woman and we hope she will soon be able to meet with us again.

LUCKY FELLOW—One boy and seven charmers perform detail of the "South Pacific" number of "Coral Seas" aquacade. Boy is Nathan Howard, girls are, Boy is Nathan Howard, girls are, from left, Nonnie from left, Nonnie Amos, Sue Taylor, Delone Waldron,Linda Moore, Malene Walkup, Diane Olson and Leona Ball. (See Story on Page 15.)

PRESIDENT NORMAN B. CREER
Walnut Creek Stake

Lives Bettered By Leader Week

Enthusiastic reports from people in Southern California who attended the Leadership Week in Los Angeles are quoted by President Norman B. Creer of Walnut Creek Stake, in citing the value of the educational week to be held at the Interstake Center. Some of the reports, as published in the Intermountain News, are quoted by President Creer as follows:

"As I am a non-member this week has been a God-send to me. It has explained many confusing points and has convinced me that this is where I belong. . ."

"This has been the most beneficial training that I have received in my Church experience. . ."

"As I am a recent convert, this week was a highlight in my life. . ."

"It's been the best week of my life and given me more inspiration and understanding than I have ever received from any other source. . ."

"I feel my whole way of life has been influenced for better. . ."

"We came 125 miles to attend this year. . . We are grateful for this wonderful opportunity. . ."

"I came 500 miles; would do so again. . ."

Features Added To Program Here

Several features have been added to the offerings at Leadership Week at the Interstake Center.

Besides workshops listed in the programs there will be a Primary Workshop Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Arta M. Hale of the General Primary Board presidency, will be the leader.

Two lectures have been added. "Young Women's Sports" will be the topic of one, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. "Church Theology and Doctrine" will be the topic of Dr. Sidney Sperry of the BYU, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The lectures on "Teaching the Old Testament," will be given daily 7:30-9:15 p.m. instead of only two days and the lecturer will be Prof. Ernest Eberhart of the BYU instead of William Berrett.

Lloyd George will lead the "Melchizedek Priesthood Lessons' Monday-Friday, 8:45-9:45 p.m.

Lois and Bliss Cook will teach the course "Family Budget," Monday-Friday, 8:45-9:45 p.m.

Pearl Sparks will lead "Beginning Genealogical Research," Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT MILTON P. REAM
Hayward Stake

'Increase Power' Says Pres. Ream

"If the glory of God is intelligence, then surely the glory of his children is the power within us to direct our lives effectively. If we are to do this we must have an understanding of both the people and the things we deal with. We never cease to learn but our learning processes are slow if they are not properly directed and if they are not accelerated with enthusiasm and conviction," said President Milton P. Ream.

"We have a tremendous opportunity to increase our power by enrolling in the Northern California Leadership Week. No matter what our interests are, if we want to increase our "go power," we will find unusual opportunity in the wide range of courses offered during the week. If we make this first Leadership Week a success, there will be others to follow in the years ahead."

West Bay Stakes

Tri-Stake Recreation Area Master Development Plan

By Gay Taylor

A master plan for both immediate and long-term development of the 550-acre Tri-Stake Recreation Area owned jointly by San Jose, Palo Alto and San Mateo stakes has been approved for action.

The plan, prepared by Calvin M. Jones of the civil engineering firm of Jones, Thenn and Associates, provides for 29 areas to be developed for various uses, along with access roads, water, and sanitary facilities.

Eight areas are designated as Scout camps. Three of these are ready for immediate development by using water from the system now under construction and erecting temporary sanitary facilities.

Four areas are designed as family camps. They require a cleared area for parking and tent sites, fireplaces, tables, food lockers.

The area designed as a girl's camp will require adequate sanitary sewers before it is put to extensive use.

Four areas are planned as picnic grounds, for both families and large groups. Clearing of trees and brush will be only sufficient to accomodate tables and fireplaces.

Two areas have been chosen for swimming pools — alternate sites, for just one pool is planned at present. The plan recommends a first-class pool, 30 by 60 feet, with a circulating filter system.

A playground area is designed for younger children, with swings, slide, teeter totters and the like. Another area, for older children, will provide facilities for horseshoes, badminton, foot races, and possibly an archery range.

A third playground area will be a standard softball park.

Two amphitheaters are planned, a large one for stake functions, and a smaller one where individual wards, MIA's or quorums may have shows or campfire programs.

Other areas are for park headquarters, parking lot, sanitary disposal reserve and main washroom building.

The plan recommends immediate construction of group and family picnic grounds, Scout camps and recreation areas, and the construction of trails to the remote areas of the property.

May Pay Own Way

It is possible, the planners state, that the park may be able to pay its own way, at least in part, through renting out sites to various outside organizations for picnics and programs, through development of a Christmas tree farm, and utilization of existing orchard facilities. A fee might be charged LDS families and groups for camping and picnicing.

While the master plan certainly will be subject to change, it is pointed out that it is important that development proceed with guidance in order that the area be utilized to best advantage.

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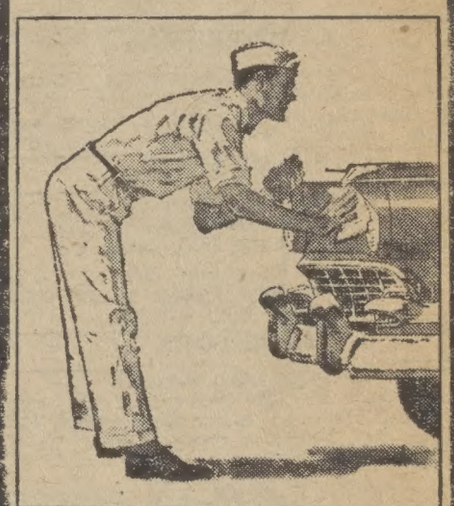

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SILVER SHEAF—Maurine McKinley, Gleaner leader, presidents to Hayward Stake YWMIA President Verna Jackson the gleanings of the year's activities of the Hayward Stake Junior Gleaner girls. Looking on are Laura Woods, Brenda Rosenkrans, Barbara LaPray and Sandra Saari.—Photo by Al Scheuller.

Hayward Stake

Sacrament Rites In The Redwoods

By Marjorie Smith

Sacrament served in the shade of the giant redwood trees was the spiritual highlight of the seven day camp held in Mendocino Woodlands for the girls of the Hayward Stake Y.W.M.I.A. Presidents A. Gifford Jackson and Francis B. Winkle of the Hayward Stake passed the Sacrament to over 90 girls and their counselors whom they later addressed. Elders Frank Rowe and L. G. Pollord assisted in administration.

At the Sunday evening campfire the girls heard a talk on the significance of Temple marriage by Duana Sandmire of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, who surprised the girls by appearing before them in a white wedding gown complete with bridal veil.

Sister Virginia Jones and Beverly Pollard who co-directed the camp were assisted by Counselors Vi Fontano, Esther Rowe, Ruth Thomas, Lucille Brown, Donna Green, Lucille Callahan, Mary Kaiser and Jane Workman. Sister Mildred Wray served as a nurse, Sister Minnie Reed and Francis Enman were the cooks and Pril and Edna Mills helped in all departments. Brother and Sister Plenn Case drove up to assist with the Mutual meeting held on the Wednesday night.

Your reporter wishes to express her appreciation for the prayers and good wishes offered on her behalf following her car accident which happened while returning home from her visit to camp.

Sunrise Services At Camp Liahona

A new tradition has probably been started as an added feature for the various six Bay area stakes MIA Girls Camping at Camp Liahona.

This feature is a "Sunrise Service" on a mountain now renamed "Mount Liahona." On the last morning of the week's camp the girls arise early enough to assemble on the side of the lofty mountain overlooking the camp on the west side and there have a prayer and sing in unison an appropriate LDS hymn like "O Ye Mountains High."

As far as our records go this practice was started this year by the Walnut Creek girls and continued by the girls of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake. All agreed that the practice could well become one of the outstanding features of each week's camping experience having a power to thrill and impress.

DEAN L. BOLLES—will serve in Brazilian Mission.
—Photo by Charles Ruiz.

Hayward Ward

Dean L. Bolles Going To Brazil

By Nell Smith

A farewell service to honor Elder Dean L. Bolles who has been called to serve a mission in Brazil, has been planned for Sunday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hayward Chapel. The event, to be supervised by Bishop D. Ross McClellan, is being shared by both Hayward and Castro Valley wards since Dean received his call before the ward's boundaries were changed.

The meeting is being held at the Castro Valley ward Sacrament service time. A reception, which will follow the services, will be held in the ward recreation hall.

A native Californian, Dean is the son of Elder and Mrs. Reginald Bolles, Foothill boulevard, Hayward. He was graduated from Hayward high school in 1954, attended Brigham Young University before entering the Armed forces. While at Fort Lewis, Washington, Dean was chosen to head a special mission to Alaska where the men tested new weapons and equipment for the artillery units.

Elder Bolles received his discharge from the Army with the rank of sergeant and had returned to B.Y.U. when he received his missionary call. Dean grew up in the Hayward ward and was in the Castro Valley ward when Hayward was divided. He has held positions in his Priesthood quorum presidencies and served as M-Men president and as YMMIA secretary.

Five bishops who have guided Dean's development in the Church will participate in his farewell program. Brother and Sister Bolles have two other sons, Blaine who is with the Armed Forces in France, and Jan, a student in Hayward high school.

President Haight, Palo Alto Stake, Tells Of Leadership Week Values

"Sterling W. Sill once said, "being prepared has brought more success, been responsible for more happiness, done more good, and saved more souls than any other single thing." The Northern California Leadership Week brings to our officers and teachers unusual oportunities for preparing effectively for the activities of the coming year, said president David B. Haight of Palo Alto Stake.

One of the most experienced and finest Relief Society teachers of our stake was considering attending the Leadership Week at BYU this year before learning that a Leadership Week would be available in Northern California. She had attended a Leadership Week program in the past at BYU and had been so impressed with its value to her in her teaching assignment that she wanted the same advantages again this year.

She realized that what she had learned had enabled her to give better lessons with less time spent in preparation than could possibly have been the case had she not had this oportunity. She stated that every minute of class attendance was so worthwhile to her that she began to resent even stopping for lunch. Her participation in one week of class work had greatly increased her preparation for her teaching assignment throughout the entire year.

"I would like to urge all officers and teachers of the Palo Alto Stake to take advantage of this unusual opportunity for a most enjoyable and informative week of preparation and learning. Through participation in Leadership Week studies and activities the qualities of leadership and teaching throughout the stake will be substantially improved," said President Haight.

PRESIDENT DAVID B. HAIGHT
Palo Alto Stake

Rodeo Ward

Mills Memorial Organ Fund

A memorial organ fund has been established in memory of Donald LeRoy Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Mills of Appian Way, El Sobrante. Specialist 4th Class Mills was a member of the United States Army attached to the Korean Military Advisory Group when he was injured in a truck accident. He died a few days later in Japan and his funeral services were held at the Richmond Mortuary, Richmond, Calif., on July 30, 1959.

Donald had always been interested in music, playing in the high school and college orchestras, and he was a member of the Richmond Musicians Union. The organ will be placed in the Rodeo Chapel when construction is completed. Those wishing to contribute may do so by sending their remittances to the Donald LeRoy Mills Memorial Fund, care of Bishop E. Dene Ogden, 93 Heather Drive, San Pablo, California.

Rodeo Ward

Samoan Ainga Aids Building Fund

By Emily Lidtka

A Samoan feast directed by Bro. Eddie Te'o and sponsored by the Rodeo Ward was served to approximately 450 people in the Recreation Hall at the East Bay Inter-stake Center on August 15. Eddie Te'o and family presented most of the entertainment, but was assisted by Sister Smith's girls of San Francisco and our own Mutual boys and girls. Committee members included Ken Baldwin, Marie Hurn, Carmen Tuttle and Greta Miller.

The Relief Society held their picnic on Thursday, Aug 20. On August 26, 27 and 28, they had a Rummage Sale at Rayo Vista, which opened the afternoon of the 25th for church members before opening to the public the following day.

A party for all ward teachers and their wives or partners was held on Aug. 21. The El Sobrante and San Pablo Divisions hosted the party with the Rodeo Division as guests as a reward for having the highest percentage in ward teaching each month during the first part of 1959.

Recent converts are Bervene and Nina Pohlman and their five children, Anthony, Jerraline, Susan, Andrew and Charles.

Elaine Hamblin is in Peralta Hospital recuperating from surgery.

David Welles is satisfactorily recovering from foot surgery.

Una Ellsworth went to Red Bluff on join in the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conlee.

Bishop Dene Ogden spent two weeks in Stockton attending a school pertinent to his job, after which he took his family to Yosemite.

Clara Buckley and Betty Hill report a wonderful time was had by the nine girls who attended summer camp at Liahona Lodge.

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San Francisco Ward

Bishop Says Vacation Also 'Gospel Time'

By Echo May

Bishop's Vacation Message, for San Francisco Ward:

During vacation days let us all remember that it is only a change of activities, not a relaxing from the Gospel Plan. The Devil never takes a vacation, and generally he is more active during our holidays than at any other time—more opportunity if we, in our change of habits, forget the fact that we are potential kings and queens.

We must hold to the Gospel Plan **always** in our way of life—holidays or otherwise. Gospel Hobbies, as Bruce McConkie explains in his "Mormon Doctrine" are dangerous occupations and vacation also can be a thing apart from the great plan of truth, or it can continue to be a definite part. Our way of life is too precious to ever relax from its happy duties. We are setting an example of its use on vacation as well as any other time.

Vacation-living of the gospel commands is much on the order of honest full time tithe-paying. One paying a full tithe finds that the remainder of his money goes as far as ordinarily the complete amount would go, and thus it is with vacation. Sight-seeing during vacation can bring much more satisfaction and joy if we remember to observe the Sabbath day and attend sacrament meetings. The keeper of the commandments thus finds that the remainder of his time goes as far as the whole rushed—hard time would have gone and Oh!—with so much more satisfaction.

The Ward Statistics from last report to the present time:

Michael Yoshinaka is now Ward Clerk with David Chaffee as his assistant, taking the place of John Carleton who has moved to Santa Rosa. Otto Shill III, son of Betty Robbins and Otto Shill, Jr., was given a father's blessing, on July 5.

Margaret Ann, daughter of Beatrice Lorraine McNair and Richard William Clikeman was blessed by Archibald McNair.

James Clifford Barron was confirmed by Bishop W. Elwood Scoville assisted by D. Gordon Paxman and Charles Andrew.

Bruce Yoshinaka was ordained a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood on July 12.

George Kaides was sustained to have the Aaronic Priesthood conferred upon him and to be ordained a Deacon on July 19.

Joy Logan and Bill Agard, a recent convert, were united in marriage July 11.

Jean Marie Clark was confirmed a member of the Church at August 2 Fast Meeting by her father, Robert L. Clark.

Guy Cook was appointed first Assistant in the YMMIA with Wayne Dean as second Assistant for San Francisco Ward.

Ten cents for a hour's swim at Hamilton Pool between Geary and O'Farrell on Steiner. All the Saints of the Bay Area, especially those of San Francisco, should know about it. About 40 took part in the refreshing hour recently.

The Explorers, Don Sheldon, with James Daily Jr., and James Lynch, who took part in the recent trip over the Mormon Trail in Utah. are to receive the first "Historic Trails" Award ever given in this area. It is to be given at MIA in San Francisco Ward by Harry Raub, Stake Scoutmaster, who will be presented by James Daily Sr., representative of the District Council.

Sunset Ward

Sheldons Wed In Salt Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fred Sheldon (Evelyn Lenore Emigh) are living in their new San Francisco home, Sunset Ward, after a wedding trip through Southern Utah, Arizona, and California.

They were married in the Salt Lake Temple by President ElRay L. Christiansen on July 1. A wedding breakfast followed on the Starlight Roof of the Hotel Utah. Among those attending were the bride's parents' Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Preston Emigh, Sr. of San Francisco, the bride's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers P. Emigh, Jr. and their son Christopher of Boston, Mass., cousins of the Groom, Mrs. Leon King and Mrs. Lloyd King of Ogden, Utah, Dr. and Mrs. Truman Madsen of Provo, Utah, and Mr. Ervin McDonald of San Francisco.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Emigh of Sunset Ward, and is a graduate of Grosse Pointe School, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Mich., where she majored in Government, English and Voice. Donald is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sheldon of San Francisco. He is a graduate of Balboa High School and attended Golden Gate College here. Donald was in the U.S. Air Force, a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. He is presently an accountant with the City and County of San Francisco.

A "Welcome Home" was held at the Sunset residence of the bride's parents Saturday evening, July 18.

The couple is active in Church work. Both are members of the ward and stake choirs. Lenore is speech director of the YWMIA, Co-pilot teacher in primary, and visiting teacher in the Relief Society. Donald is the Explorer advisor of the YMMIA and a ward teacher. Last year he led a group of Explorers over the Pioneer Trail near Salt Lake City, Utah.

The dinner and Hawaiian entertainment in San Francisco Ward will be a thing of the past when this paper goes to press, and it was the means of aiding the building fund for San Francisco Stake.

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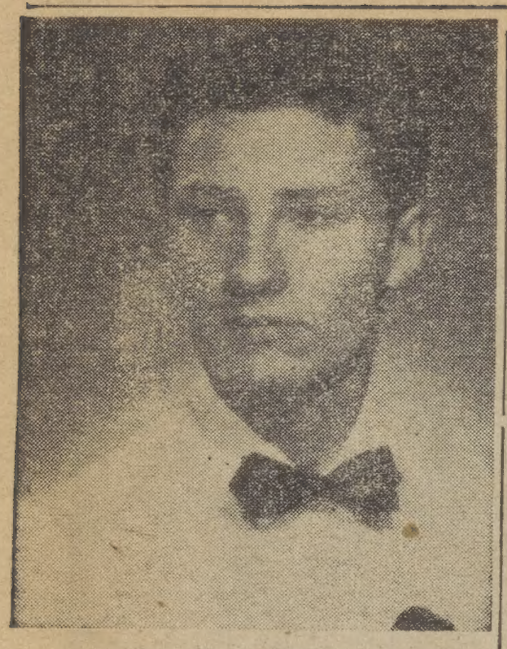

REED GRANDY

Balboa First Ward

Reed Grandy Gets Call To Mission

Reed Grandy

A missionary farewell honoring Elder Reed Grandy was held August 9, in the Balboa First Ward. Elder Grandy left the following week for the Spanish American Mission.

Speakers at the services were R. John Cummings, Elder Grandy's former ward teaching companion; Bishop Willard B. Barton, Carlos Holmes, the missionary's uncle, Debbie Clark, his sister and Ione Clark, his mother. Elder Grandy was the concluding speaker.

Featured on the program was a piano solo by Dorothy Griffiths, and a musical reading of section thirty-four of the Doctrine and Covenants by Samuel Chandler. Louis Minkin and Williard Snow offered the prayers.

During the services Elders quorum president Fred Robbins presented Elder Grandy with copies of the Standard Works and Bishop Barton, on behalf of the Balboa Ward, presented Elder Grandy with donations that had been collected at the door.

PRESIDENT SERGE J. LAUPER of San Francisco Stake, points out that "we in the San Francisco Stake are looking forward to the biggest event ever scheduled for a Bay Region cooperative effort. Leadership Week represents a higher degree of community activity than we have ever worked for before. We are enthusiastic about our participation this year and anticipate greater progress in the future. Special programs and classes have been arranged for bishops, counselors, musicians. boys and girls, high councilmen, genealogists and for other specialized activities. We fervently hope that all our membership will take advantage of this excellent opportunity for meeting with experts from the BYU and learning of ways in which we can better fulfill the Church responsibilities entrusted to us."

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Reporters everywhere: Remember The San Francisco Stake Memory Book now being compiled for your benefit and that of future generations yet to come. Not only Reporters of Wards and Stakes but everyone who has knowledge of this work! If you have an old picture of some notable event, lend it to us. Every care will be made to return it to you.

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Balboa Second

New Officers Take Over Jobs

By Lola Geary

Wesley Pack's Balboa Second Ward Sunday School class of young people had an enjoyable time at Bishop William's ranch where the group had barbequed steak, dancing and swimming.

Persons baptized during the last two months were Mary Anne Kraft, Gary Lee Brown,Kathleen Lenore Breckon, Kathryn Mary Nelson, Ann Marie Lewis & Susan Valentine. John Cornelyus Cosgriff, Jr,. a recent convert, is welcomed to all activities.

Beth Buckley and young daughter, Karen, left for a months stay in England, her home until nine years ago. The sisters of the ward had a "bon voyage" party for her August 10.

Many changes have been made in the ward's officers. Raymond Cole, ward clerk, was released, as he has married and is making his home in San Jose. Ward members are asked to check their records with Ellis Lambson, sustained as new clerk.

New MIA officers include Gerald C. Harte, YM superintendent, and Iris Harte, YW president, with officers and teachers Fred Cairns, Jack A. Patrick, Enid Cairns, Mary B. Loverage and Emma Baker. But now the Hartes have been transferred to Denver, so the MIA will be reorganized. Those released with thanks were Richard Valentine, Alice Patrick, Enid Allen, Robert Yates and Anna D. Baker.

Charles Crane was sustained as Sunday School second assistant following the release of Jack A. Patrick. Primary officers released were Caroline Valentine, LeeAnne Yates and Joyce Olsen.

New choristers are Irma Lee Williams, Sunday School, replacing Joan Baird, and Joan Baird, ward chorister, replacing Irma Lee Williams. Vernal Kenner and Raymond DeeVach were sustained as ward teaching supervisors and Evan Hunter, sustained as chairman of the genealogy committee.

Advancements in the priesthood include Albert Carl Klifer and John Cornelius Cosgriff, deacons, and Fred Cairns, priest.

Everyone was thrilled because of the pouring of the foundation of the new chapel during the week of August 10, and the beginning of other work.

A new arrival in the ward is Doni Pack, born June 18, to Marie and Wesley Pack.

PIONEER CELEBRATION

Balboa Second Ward sponsored a Pioneer Celebration in the Stake House on the evening of July 24, which was well attended by representatives of each ward in the stake. The highlight was the march of the Primary Children "In pioneer dress," several wards participating. Later the children were entertained by a picture show. Food was served a la-carte. Home Bakery and Apron sale, regular and square dancing were on the program.

Maud R. Preston chairman, wishes to thank all those contributing to the success of the party.

"A special thank you, goes to Carl Anderson for his directing of the Pioneer Dancing." The party added $400 to our building fund.

San Francisco Ward

Sister Raynor Dies In S.F.

Florence Bills Raynor, surfounded by members of her family, died at St. Joseph Hospital, San Francisco, July 9, seven days before her 72nd birthday. With her were her husband, Fred, and four daughters, Leola Florence Tipper, Birmingham, Alabama; Audrey Fay Woods, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; Helen Jeanne Razovich, Millbrae, and Joy Ruth Gordenier, Los Angeles.

Surviving are nine grandchildren. Of the eight brothers and sisters, only three sisters and one brother are left. Blanche Densley drove from Riverton, Utah, with Dr. and Mrs. Toccoy Sorenson, her daughter and son-in-law, to attend the services at Gantner, Felder and Kenny's.

Florence Bills was born in Jordan Valley, Utah, to Rachel Clemency Beal and Alexander Bills July 16, 1887, and grew up in that fertile valley.

She met Fred Irvin Raynor in Salt Lake City and they were married February 11, 1913. They came to San Francisco some 23 years ago where Florence was active in Relief Society ever since in San Francisco Ward. She was among the seven honored oldest members of San Francisco Relief Society on "This is your Life" Program in remembrance of the Relief Society's 117th birthday.

Florence Raynor was the type who could "kid" with a smile when many people would have been crying.

To her children and her children's friends, she was an active Mother of Zion. She played with them, guided them, and cared for them without favoritism. To each of her daughters she left monogrammed linen and lovely crocheted items of use.

San Francisco Ward will miss her gentle wise-cracks, her friendly smile and willing service. And the "missing" will spread to far off places where her loved ones have settled during the passing years.

Sister Raynor and a grandchild.

Burlingame Ward

Gary Peterson To Philmont

Gary Peterson, First Counselor in the Burlingame Ward Teacher's Quorum, is spending thirty days in special instruction for Junior Leadership Training at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico.

Gary is member of Troop 85, whose sponsor, the Millbrae Lion's Club, provides a scholarship for this training.

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Sunset Ward

Mrs. Ball Heads Relief Society

By Edward G. Costa

Sister Ethel Ball replaced Sister Roxie Kanzler as Sunset Ward Relief Society President last month. Sister Kanzler and her board, automatically released with her, were given a vote of thanks for their service.

New counselors for Sister Ball are Sisters Florence Costa and Charlotte Middleton, with Laura Rogers as Secretary-treasurer. Other new officers and teachers are: Bertha Smith, work director; Jane Zobell, visiting teacher's message; Ruby McDonald, theology; Christena Tolson, literature; Jean Lauper, social science; Alice Hansen, organist; Virginia Pearson, chorister; Charlotte Spencer, magazine representative; and Dorothy Emigh, work day home management lessons.

Sunset Ward has three more Stake Missionaries: Le Roy Gildea, Ervin McDonald, and Sister Marguerite Roehl. New Elders ordained in the ward are Evan C. Ray, Jr., and Edward A. Costa.

Sacrament meeting on Aug. 9, featured a speaker from the Spanish-American Mission, Elder Hal Gubernick, who has returned from his missionary labors among the Spanish-speaking people of the United States.

A six-week tour of Europe is the purpose of a trip started Aug. 29, by Brother and Sister Ralph Ball. Their main stop will be in Stuttgart, Germany, where their daughter Rogene and her husband, Dr. Richard Huish, and their family are living. Dr. Huish is stationed in Germany with the U.S. Armed Services.

The Bishopric hosted a picnic supper at San Bruno Park for all the officers and teachers of the ward and their partners on August 17.

MRS. JEAN LAUPER

University Ward

Young-Paulson Engagement Told

An afternoon garden party was the setting for the announcement of the engagement of Miss Norma Young and J. Douglas Paulson, both of the University Ward, on August 9.

Miss Young's parents, Burl A. and Louise Young of Tuscon, Arizona, sent their congratulations via telephone a few days prior to the announcement.

The announcements were miniature bamboo unbrellas impaled on maraschino cherries in the punch. The couple's names were seen when the unbrellas were opened.

Miss Young graduated from the Tuscon High School, after which she attended the Brigham Young University. She comes to the Bay Area via Hawaii, where she worked while living with friends. She was a Stake Missionary in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake last year. At present, she is employed as a dental assistant for Dr. E. L. Hughes, 2235 Channing Way, Berkeley.

Elder Paulson, son of Jean R. and La Verne Paulson of El Cerrito, Calif., has been home from the Finnish Mission for one year. Prior to his Mission call, he lived in the Berkeley First Ward and attended the University of California. Previous to his studies at U. C., he attended Deep Springs College and Palo Alto High School. He has lived in Palo Alto Ward, Santa Rosa Ward and Berkeley First and Second Wards. Now a junior in Political Science at U. C., Elder Paulson plans to continue his studies for at least two more years.

KATHRYN HALLMAN

Oakland First

B.Y.U. Students Plan Wedding

Making plans for a September 16 wedding are Brigham Young University students Miss Kathryn "Kathy" Hallman and Wesley Howard Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Joseph Hallman, 333 Florence Ave., Oakland, announce their daughter's engagement and forthcoming marriage. Parents of the bridegroom are Howard John Johnston, Springville, Utah, and Mrs. Anne Adams, 1325 North 1750 West St., Provo, Utah.

Kathy is majoring in speech and dramatic art and will be graduated from the B.Y.U. next June; Wes, who spent three years in the Navy, is majoring in physical education at the B.Y.U.

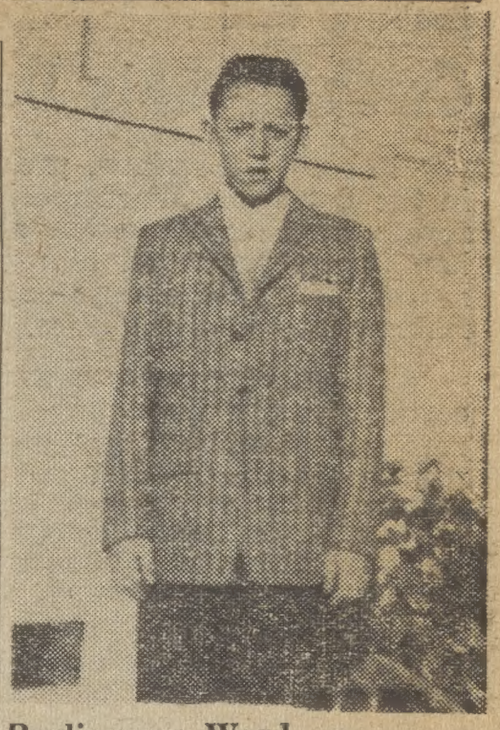
The couple will be married in rites to be solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple and will be honored at a reception the same evening in Provo. They will then drive to Oakland to be honored at a reception at the University of California Alumni House, at Berkeley.

Bidden to attend the bride are Miss Nancy Hallman, her sister; Miss Linda Nugent, Mrs. John G. Baxter, Miss Carma Swalberg and Miss Ann Taylor. Zoetta Anne Johnston, sister of the bridegroom, will be flower girl.

Kay William Laursen will be best man. Ushers will be John G. Baxter, Myles Judd, Lynn Jex, Richard Athep, Ronald Johnston and Paul Hoyt Hallman.

Following their marriage the couple will have a brief honeymoon in California before continuing their studies at the B.Y.U. They will make their home in Provo for the next few years.

MYRON S. CHRISTENSEN, Hayward Stake High Councilman, is first bishop of the new San Leandro Second Ward. Bishop Christensen also is chairman of the Messenger Management Committee.



Burlingame Ward

Death Claims Ronald Andrews

Ronald Andrews, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Andrews of Millbrae, died last month at the Peninsula Hospital after a long illness. He was a native of San Francisco and had lived in Millbrae for 11 years. He graduated from eighth grade at Taylor Boulevard School in June.

Ronald was a member of Boy Scout Troop 46 of Millbrae, a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthod, a full tithe payer, a ward teacher, and had 100 percent attendance at Church meeting. He was very prompt, willing and trustworthy in all he was asked to do.

Ron also had a paper route. He was very efficient and considerate to his customers. He earned a trip to Disneyland with the newspaperboys in June.

Oakland Ward

"Festival" To Raise Funds

The Oakland Ward will present "The Festival of Stars," their building fund finale, on Friday Oct, 16. This fund raising event will "pay off the mortgage" if the committee's plans are successful.

The show is produced by William L. Stoker, who in addition to being San Mateo Stake President, is a professional musician and producer of fine shows.

Don Addis and Frank Higham are co-chairmen of this affair and they extend a welcome to all members of the area to join with the Oakland Ward on Oct. 16, for an evening which will be the culmination of several years of hard work.

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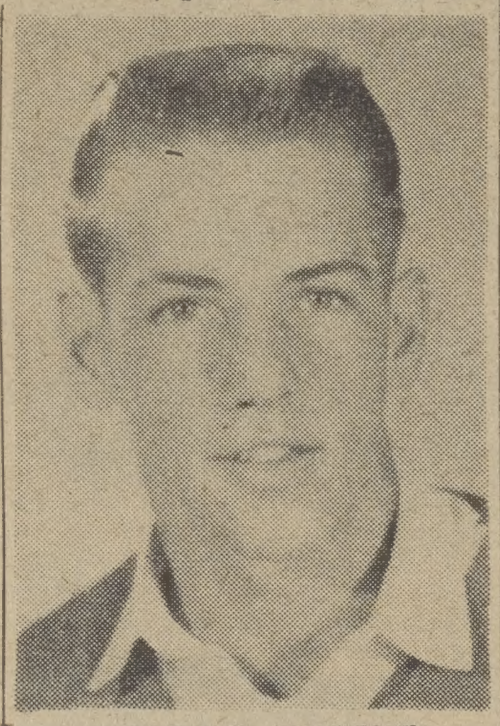
Los Altos Ward

Croshaw Gets Duty-to-God Award

Robert J. Croshaw, president of the Teachers Quorum in the Los Altos Ward received outstanding recognition before a large congregation at Sacrament Meeting when bishop Sharp presented him the highly prized Duty-To-God award. This honor represents superior performance in fulfilling many church duties.

To qualify for the award, consisting of a badge and certificate, one must have been faithful in attending quorum and sacrament meetings, in filling priesthood assignments, observing the Word of Wisdom, paying tithing, assisting the Sunday School, and participating in YMMIA activities for four years. Robert Croshaw met all these requirements.



ROBERT J. CROSHAW

He was born in Palo Alto, was 15 years old at time of the award, is active in sports, and currently is catcher on the ward's junior softball team. He is majoring in mathematics at Los Altos High School, is a member of an accelerated course in that subject, and plans a career in engineering.

Robert is the fourth young man in the Los Altos Ward to hold the Duty-To-God award. Others are Emerson McOmber, Kent Francis, and Mark Pulley. All are members of families highly active in the Church.

New Pipe Organ

A dream will come true, if you work on it long enough and hard enough — such is the belief of officers and members of the Los Altos Ward whose dreams of a pipe organ eight years ago is soon to be fulfilled.

A dinner and informal dance, Friday evening, August 14, at the ward chapel marked the beginning of a drive for funds for this cause. However, the ward priesthood had previously indicated its support.

The original chapel, built in 1951-52 was too small to house a pipe organ properly. So the ward obtained an electronic organ, now nearly nine years old — rather venerable for this type of instrument. When, in 1956-57 the chapel was greatly enlarged, including a much larger auditorium, the plans provided space for a pipe organ. With good care, such an organ lasts almost indefinitely.

In connection with the dinner, the Los Altos Ward Music Committee provided an opportunity for those present to compare one of the pipe organs, under consideration, with the ward's present electronic organ. Members of the music committee are: LeRoy Kratzer, chairman, Dorothy Brown, Dorothy Wilkinson, Venice Kraetzer, Ann Binford, and Marilyn Sharp.

Flowers Tell

An attractive floral design arrangement informs visitors and others who enter the Los Altos Ward chapel by the sidewalk leading to the front door that the denomination is LDS. Those letters, each about three feet in size, are spelled out by some 75 blue lobelia plants as part of the landscaping.

The idea of paraphrasing "saying it with music" to "showing it with flowers" came from brother Archie McCulloch, a member of the congregation. The display, bordered with small begonias, has attracted much favorable comment.

TAKING PART in Palo Alto Stake Relief Society Fashion Show, from left, are Colette Taylor, commentator, of Palo Alto Second Ward; models from Sunnyvale Second Ward, Lize and Wendy Watts, Yvonne Pendleton, Zella Wood Clearly (the bride) Donna Smith, Carol and Sharon Spencer.

JOAN PETERSON

Palo Alto Second

Joan Peterson Australia Bound

By June Darby

Joan Peterson of the Palo Alto Second Ward is on a mission to Australia.

Her farewell testimonial held on August 9 included an organ prelude and postlude by Billie Pearson, invocation by Lacy Thomas, remarks by Ronald Poelman, Richard Cowan, Lorrin Peterson, Bishop Curtis Harrison.

Response by Joan Peterson, violin solo by Singe Slangerup, vocal solo by Claire Poelman, vocal quartet by members of Joan's family, her mother and sisters Lou Jeane, Marian and Joy, and the benediction by Clara Boyle.

She entered the Mission Home on August 17 and left for the Southern Australian Mission on August 24.

She is the first member of her family to return to the land of her Mother's birth, and hopes to squeeze in some genealogy work along with her missionary service.

Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorrin Y. Peterson of Paramont, California (Long Beach Stake.) She came to Palo Alto in January of this year. Her sister and brother-in-law, Lou Jeane and Dick Grant, are also members of the Palo Alto Second Ward.

Joan was born in Blackfoot, Idaho and has four sisters — Fredona Snowwalter, Lou Jeane Grant, Joy Peterson, and Marian Peterson — and one brother, Tom Peterson. Joan has lived in Helendale, Bellflower, San Bernardino, Paramount, and Palo Alto, California and Provo, Utah. She was graduated from San Bernardino High School and attended BYU for three years.

At the Y, she was pursuing the study of Animal Husbandry — the only girl enrolled in the course. She developed an interest in such a course since her father's business is marketing dairy cattle.

Her roommate at BYU was a beautician, so Joan decided to take a beauty course. She completed the course in Provo and then returned to her parent's home in Paramount and obtained her California Beautician's License. She then came to Palo Alto and was employed by Hall's Beauty Salon in Mountain View.

Many of her patrons — nonmembers of the church — in the beauty salon became very interesten in her approaching mission and even made voluntary contributions.

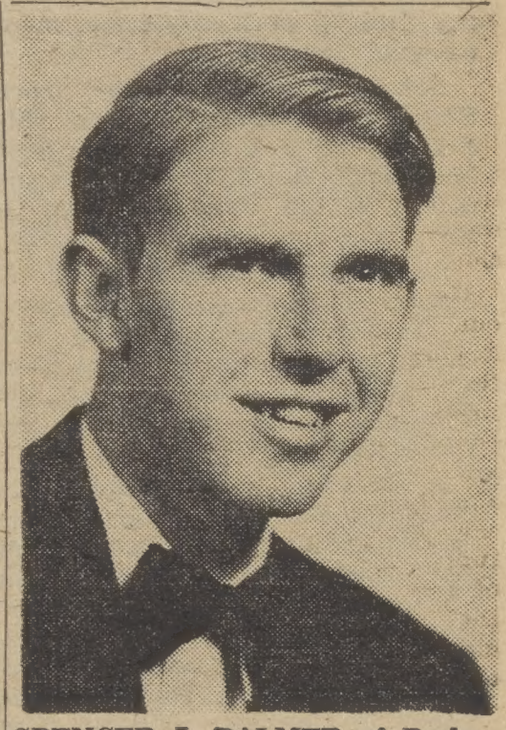
Fashion Show In P.A. Stake

"Blossom Time" in music and fashions was a gala affair presented by the Palo Alto Stake Relief Society, climaxing a rewarding year.

The Stake Singing Mothers, directed by Ann Thomas, offered a stirring musical, carrying out the Blossom theme.

All six wards of the stake participated in the fashion show, which was directed by Dagna Wheatley, stake work director, and Dorothy Muir, stake work leader. Modesty in dress was a keynote.

All creations shown were made by Relief Society members of the stake. In some instances young girls made and modeled their own frocks. The fine workmanship, styling, selection of fabrics and colors drew plaudits from the crowd. The hall, decorated by boughs of blossoms, was filled to capacity. Refreshments were served by the stake board.



SPENCER J. PALMER of Berkeley, former Army chaplain and currently a graduate student at the University of California and Seminary teacher, will teach two courses in the Youth Program at Leadership Week starting Aug. 31. These are "Pearl of Great Price" and "How to Get the Most Out of Your Readin."

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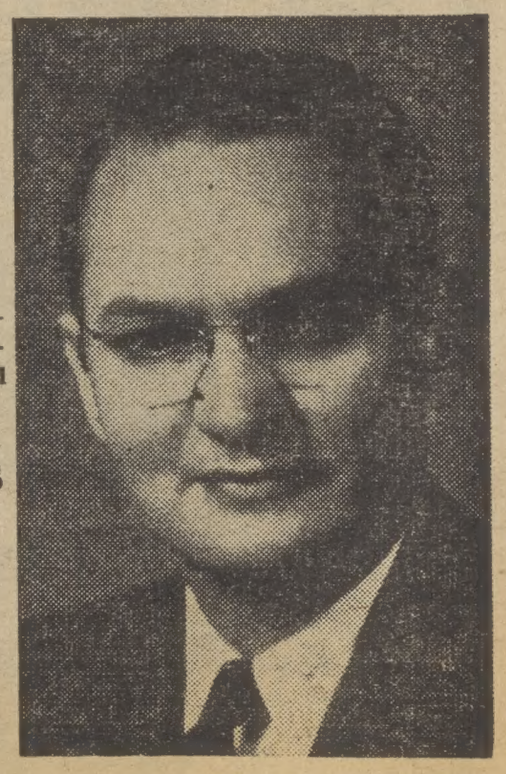
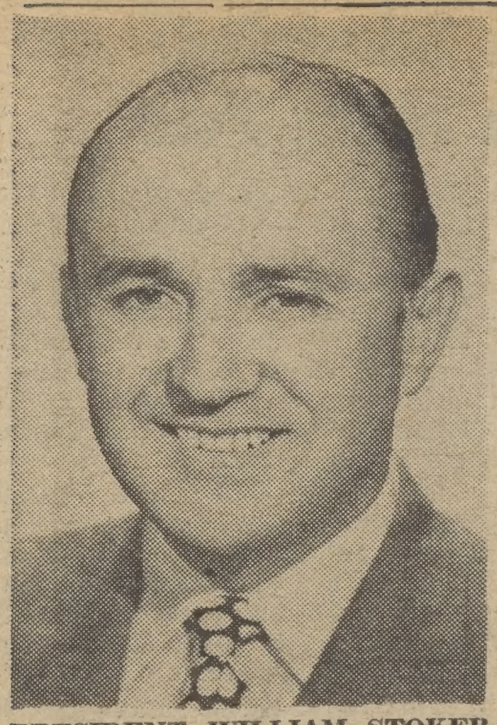




PRESIDENT WILLIAM STOKER
San Mateo Stake

Stoker Backs True Education

President William L. Stoker of the San Mateo Stake asks, "May I list three of many reasons why the Saints of Northern California should attend the coming Leadership Week?"

He says: 1. "It will afford us our finest opportunity to receive, if only briefly, the true education for which the Church stands. President McKay has said that this education is the "application of knowledge to the development of a noble and Godlike character."

2. "We should grasp the opportunity to be taught by teachers of great character. It has been said that 'the most potent of all indirect influences is the influence of a good teacher."

3. "Aside from the potential spiritual uplift, it is a bargain. The most practical Latter-day Saint should recognize the great value that may be received for a modest expenditure. We should even attend out of loyalty so that Leadership Week will become a yearly blessing to our people."

Rodeo Ward

Heart Attack Claims Sister Vada Morgan

Sister Vada Morgan of San Pablo passed away Aug. 12, from a heart attack, following a long illness. She is survived by her husband, David, a daughter and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held Aug. 17, in Richmond.

Palo Alto Stake

Stake Heads Feed Ward Bishoprics

By Katherine F. Larsen

The Palo Alto Stake Presidency forfeited a steak dinner because of the high attendance at the last Palo Alto Stake Conference, held at the East Bay Interstake Center.

Bishoprics of the stake were treated on Friday, July 31. If conference attendance had been less than 1500, the Stake Presidency would have been guests of the bishoprics.

President David B. Haight, First Counselor Richard B. Sonne, Second Counselor Lund A Johnson, and Clerk Nephi D. Conrad were hosts at the affair, assisted by a committee of three, Ray Lindsay, Tom Curtis, and Louis Ward. Sister Ward decorated the tables.

The Presidency, appropriately adorned with chef's aprons, barbecued the steaks. Entertainment was provided by stake dance directors Nina and Gene Gull, who gave an exhibition dance. The evening was begun by President Haight and counselors singing an original composition telling the reasons the dinner was given. They were accompanied by Venice Kratzer.

The menu was steaks done to order, baked potato in sour cream, tossed green salad, openface apple pie and ice cream.

The dinner was followed by dancing.

Los Altos Ward

Pioneer Day Different Now

Living up to the traditions of their forebears who cooked over campfires during their western trek, members of the Los Altos Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers did the same in celebrating Pioneer Day, July 24th.

But there were some differences. The Los Altos version of the campfire was a modern brazier, with chicken on the grill. The music was on an electric organ. And the place of meeting, instead of a nameless spot on the prairie, was the beautiful ranch-type home of Thelma and Al Whitecar, 689 Riviera Drive, Los Altos.

Twelve couples, mostly members of the Los Altos Ward, enjoyed the activities. Captain Enid Starkweather had charge of the arrangements and dinner.

Patriarch David Stoddard was organist and the music was reminiscent of pioneer days. Al Whitecar entertained with humorous stories and an account of the early history of Salt Lake City.

SEVEN MEMBERS of the Oakland Third Ward, are shown here, being presented with the "Duty to God" Award. From left, Bishop Lorenzo N. Hoopes giving awards to Wesley Matheson, Dale Bennett, Allan Shurtleff, David Hoopes, Brian McCarthy, Douglas Swanson and Herbert Hilton. Two of the group, Wesley Matheson and David Hoopes, have 100 per cent attendance for three of the four years of activity and lack one meeting for 100 per cent for the fourth year.

Claremont Ward

Clyde Lindsey Shows His Slides To High Priests Group Of Ward

The High Priests group enjoyed a program, July 16, when Brother Clyde Lindsey of the Centerville Ward, presented slides of the three years he and his wife spent in Australia as labor missionaries helping in the erection of numerous chapels. Some 35 persons attended. Earlier in the evening, Brother and Sister Lindsey spoke at the sacrament service.

Kevin and Myrle Watts, and sons Russell and Gregory, have moved to Provo, Utah, where Kevin has accepted an employment offer with an architectural firm. An open house was held in their honor at the Claremont Ward on July 29. On display at the open house were many of the architectural projects Kevin completed during his student days. The Wattses were members of the Claremont Ward for five years.

Beverly and Jim Witherspoon became parents for the second time on July 29 with the birth of a son, named Daniel.

Knechts in Ward

Moving into the Ward recently were Bill and Eunice Knecht and their three children. They were formerly members of the Oakland Fourth Ward.

Fourteen members of the Aaronic Priesthood, including members of the Senior Aaronic group and the Bishopric, participated in a workday at the meeting house July 12. The work, which began at seven o'clock in the morning, included washing windows, pulling weeds, painting trim, and planting a tree. At nine o'clock, a delicious breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, cantalope, and hot chocolate was prepared by Brother Ernest Ahlborn of the Bishopric.

The Claremont Ward's act in the Stake Roadshow, presented on Friday, August 7, was entitled "Have Chariot, Will Travel." The play, and the original music, were the work of La Mont Bench. The play, depicting life in Ancient Rome as it might have been had television been invented in those days, featured Ronald Blackburn as a Roman "Elvis Presley" singing his recording hit "You Ain't Nothin' but a Mangy Lion." accompanying himself on the lyre. Judy Pennock took the part of the lion. In all, about 30 persons participated in the performance.

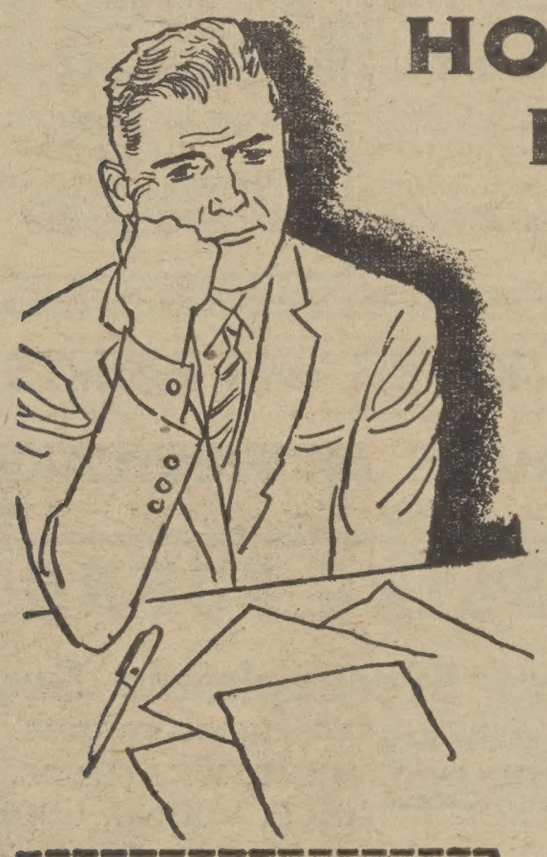
The MIA sponsored a party at San Gregorio Beach on Half Moon Bay August 8. Peggy Beal was in charge of the event at which 25 youths enjoyed a day of baseball, football, volleyball, and swimming. Roasted hot-dogs and watermelon were provided.

Glasses Given

At the monthly Relief Society workday on Tuesday, August 11, Sister Della Child and sister Eva Ashcroft, both of the Richmond Ward, presented a set of hand-painted glasses to Sister LaVerne Bain for her wholewheat bread recipe which was judged the best in the contest sponsored by the Richmond Ward.

Many members of the Ward have availed themselves of the canning facilities maintained by the Oakland-Berkeley Stake in El Cerrito to cooperatively can fruits. Not only is the out-of-pocket cost made less in this way, but it also provides the opportunity for the Ward members to enjoy the company of one another while working together for the common good of all participating.

The Stake Farm near Vacaville really isn't difficult to find, at least not for such comparatively long time Ward members as Jack Tucker, Bill Pennock, and Harold Simons, who put several hours of work on Saturday, August 8. It seems, however, three others of our number, Kirk Hart, Wendell Evensen, and Brian Feeley, just couldn't seem to find the farm in spite of a diligent search. They gave up only when their rations began to run low (they had the presence of mind to divide Brian Feeley's lunch very carefully.)



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Tim Thompson Club Delegate

Tim Thompsen, recently elected president of the Oakland High School Key Club, was chosen as a delegate to the annual international Key Club convention which was held in Toronto, Canada, the first week in July.

Tim, son of sister Jill Dysart, Oakland Fourth ward, was one of three boys to go from the Bay area.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis International, the organization was formed to promote better citizenship and service to the community among high school students.

The trio of Bay area delegates, were chosen to attend on the basis of their outstanding work in the club. They left from Oakland and joined 50 Southern California delegates in Los Angeles.

At the close of the convention, the California contingent proceeded on a sight seeing tour which included Niagara Falls, New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago, and the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Mission Ward

Relief Society Changes Made

By Jackie Caulfield

New officers and teachers of Mission Ward Relief Society include President, Verda Henry, replacing Sister Emma Draper. Sister Henry was formerly Theology Teacher, 2nd counselor on Stake Primary Board, and secretary on Stake Primary Board. First counselor to Sister Henry is Flora Gillespie, and second counselor is Della Kobloth. Rose Childs is now secretary; theology teacher is Mabel Liddell; work meeting leader, Velna Politis; literature teacher, Florence Lambert; social science teacher, Patricia Tanner, and visiting teachers' message, Winona Butcher.

On August 12, the Relief Society held a picnic outing to the zoo, instead of the regular work meeting. About 25 members went on the picnic.

Relief Society members also report that they are happy with the results of the July Rummage Sale. All profits from this event are earmarked for the purchase of new material to reupholster the society's meeting room chairs.

Romantic news in the ward: The engagement of Aline Politis Smith, from New York, has been announced. They will be wed in the Ward Chapel on Sept. 25.

Recent baptisms in Mission Ward: Adults — Brother and Sister Newby, Frank Manning, and John Salas. Children — Gussie and Ernest Hollingsworth.

Los Altos Ward

Message Taught In Local Press

Besides the usual activities of Los Altos Ward teachers whose monthly visits commonly reach about 220 homes, another influence is at work — the local press. Through a unique system of distribution, The Los Altos News carried the LDS ward-teaching lesson for August to all homes in Los Altos and many more in nearby Mountain View and Sunnyvale, about 21,000 in all. Evidently what Mormons believe, teach, and practice rates as newsworthy.

Some highlights of the journalistic version of the lesson were these statements:

"Living the Gospel is the best evidence that you believe in it.

"Faith is not static but, like the muscles of the body, functions best when exercised constantly.

"Acquisition of faith is by no means a guarantee of this God. given gift. Without work it dwindles away.

"Loss of faith comes mainly from two sources — negligence and sin.

"A person can rise no higher than his ideals; and faith in God, in fellow men, and in ourselves is the chief cornerstone of enduring happiness."

Supplementary text showed that the message given by ward teachers emanate from the general authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Besides their news value and spiritual uplift, short articles of this kind, that appear from time to time, are regarded by some ward members as having potential missionary influence. This means of extending the monthly ward-teaching lesson into many thousand more homes is offered for consideration by other wards and stakes.

San Mateo Stake

Conference At E. Bay Center

Elder Sterling W. Sill spoke to the San Mateo Stake Quarterly conference crowd August 23, at the East Bay Interstake Center. Elder Sill, an assistant to the Council of Twelve Apostles, was accompanied by Elder Walter Dansie of the Church Welfare Committee. Both of these General Authorities of the Church had important messages of instruction and inspiration for the saints.

Elder Sill is a prominent insurance executive in the western states. He is prominent in civic groups, and has served as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Utah. He is a former bishop and stake high council member.

Elder Dansie is a director of the Church Welfare Plan.

President William L. Stoker, of the San Mateo Stake, conducted the Sunday sessions of conference held at the Interstake Center. It provided an opportunity for members of the San Mateo Stake to inspect the new building and facilities and to enjoy a spiritual feast in the new surroundings.

The Sharp Park Branch furnished box lunches between sessions, with proceeds going to the building fund.

A separate Junior Sunday School during the morning session was provided, and special directed activities were arranged for the children in the afternoon.

Music for both sessions was provided by combined ward choirs under the direction of Stake Music Director La Veda Gibb, accompanied by Stake Organist Elizabeth Monson.

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Burlingame Ward

Patsy Peterson A June Bride

Now getting settled in their San Carlos home are the new Mr. and Mrs. David Schoppe, who were married June 27, at the Los Angeles Temple. The bride and Groom were accompanied to the temple by Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ingram. Also witnessing the marriage were David's Uncle and Aunt Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Schoppe of Garden Grove, California.

The new Mrs. Schoppe is the former Miss Patsy Ann Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCann of San Bruno; her husband's parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Maggi of Millbrae.

Following the ceremony, the couple returned to the Peninsula by plane to be feted that same evening at a reception held in the Millbrae Chapel. More than 150 guests greeted the just-weds in the church social hall, which was transformed into a summertime bower with a profusion of multicolored flowers.

For her June wedding, the bride chose a gown of white silk organza, the tightly fitted bodice designed with a scoop neckline and cap sleeves. and the bouffant, afternoon length skirt detailed with three bows in back and two at the front hemline. She added a rhinestone to hold her elbowlength veil, and carried a cascade of orchids and stephanotis.

Her five attendants were identically frocked in capsleeved sheaths of emerald green organza over taffeta, worn with hats of white net fashioned with tiny brims. As a color accent, they held bouquets of long stemmed yellow roses.

Serving as maid of honor was the bride's sister, Miss Marilyn McCann of San Bruno. The secondary attendants were Miss Mary K. Milne of Millbrae, and Miss Cheryl Berman, Miss Kathleen Warren, and Mrs. Lloyd Evans of San Bruno.

Charles Schoppe of Millbrae was best man for his brother; Edwin Anderson, John Grey, Llody Evans, and Darrell Weber, all of San Bruno, performed ushering duties.

Walnut Creek Stake

Guaranteed Bargains Offered At Fun Fair In Concord Sept. 12

"If it isn't a bargain, it's out!"

This is the edict of President Norman B. Creer of the Walnut Creek Stake as the governing policy for the second annual Family Fun Fair to be held by the stake at the Concord Ward Chapel Saturday, September 12.

So, from 7:30 breakfast served by the high priests to the close of business at 4 p.m., everybody MUST get more than a dollar's value for every dollar spent the Stake Presidency has announced.

Open to the public, the Fun Fair has the two-fold objective of building up welfare funds and of affording wholesome enjoyment. While the event is first of all for the membership of the Walnut Creek Stake, members of all other stakes of the area and the Church at large are especially welcome, according to President Creer.

The High Priests will open the fair, as they did last year, at 7:30 in the morning by serving breakfast. Plans have been made for serving 500 persons and as many more as appear. Tickets will be sold in advance and numbers will be called so that people won't have to stand in line.

Later in the day these same High Priests will serve pie and ice cream a-la-mode, in dishes, or cones.

Barber Shop

Seventies will operate a barber shop, complete with barber pole, quartet, plastered hair-dos, and a shoe shine stand.

Elders will operate rides, games of skill, and other carnival features.

Senior Aaronic Priesthood members will repeat their successful Green Thumb project of last year where bargains in plants and nursery stock will be available to thrifty Saints and friends. A stock of bulbs of iris, gladioli, tulips, daffodils, narcissus, lillies, etc., will be sold by the Genealogical Committee.

To Wash Autos

Boys and young men of the Aaronic Priesethood will wash automobiles.

Two Art Exhibits Scheduled, One Linked With Music Fete

Both viewings of local Mormon artists work, amateur and professional, will be held in the Recreation Hall of the East Bay Interstake Center on Temple Hill in East Oakland, one for young people interested in creative art efforts, and the other for both youths and adults.

Sunday, September 6, is announced as the date for the former display, thus taking advantage of the fact that the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference will be in session on that day. The two-hour noontime intermission will allow leisure time for the conference attendants to view the paintings hung on the walls of the large recreation hall where luncheon will be served.

The combination art exhibit and technique demonstrations, followed by an hour's top talent concert by instrumental musical artists from Bay area stakes will be held Friday night Sept. 18, at 7:30 at the Center.

This latter benefit affair carries an admission charge of 50 cents, the proceeds going to the Interstake Center Building Fund.

Registrants are invited to send their applications for space to Mrs. Thora Bramwell, 5380 Foothill Blvd, Oakland. Call KE 6-1060.

THORA BRAMWELL, chairman of the Hanging Committee for LDS Progressive Art Association Exhibits Sept 6 and 18.

Los Altos Ward

Police Chief At FBI School

Roland R. Renshaw, elder in the Los Altos Ward and Chief of Police of the City of Los Altos, is attending a 12-week course of special training at the National Academy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The sessions are in Washington, D.C. and Quantico, Va. Purpose is to familiarize police officers, who meet the exacting requirements for enrollment in the course, with Federal methods and facilities in law enforcement, so that they may operate at local levels with highest efficiency. The experience is also helpful in the training of members of the force.

The Los Altos City Council considers that his attendance at the Academy will give added prestige and long-range benefits to the city's Police Department.

Brother Renshaw served six years in the U.S. Navy, began police work in Salt Lake City in 1947, and has been Chief of Police in Los Altos since January 1958. His wife, Donna, has served the ward as president of the Relief Society and in various other capacities.

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My Testimony

By Dallas S. Burch

Mine is a firm yet unusual testimony, based mainly on evidence I have never heard presented in any church meeting, nor to my knowledge has it ever appeared in any publication. Rather strangely my testimony has, as a background, some thirty years of doubt and skepticism, for during that period I was mindful of Apostle Paul's injunction (Thessalonians 5:21) to "Prove all things."

Even though, during that time, I had married a lovely Mormon girl and had a son who became a member of the Church I could not escape the fact that sincerity of belief does not prove its correctness. The ancient Greeks and Romans, though intelligent and cultured, mistakenly believed in their legendary gods. For centuries mankind believed wrongly that the sun revolved around the earth; and I have seen, in New England, the graves of so-called witches, put to death by misguided Christian people. Also, in the medical field, testimonials by laymen are not acceptable as scientific evidence and all too often represent wishful thinking.

Works recognized — Still Doubt

So, though admiring the sincerity of hundreds of persons whom I had heard bear testimonies, I did not regard them as proof of the divine origin of the Book of Mormon, nor of the Church. Yet, being deeply interested in the Church and well aware of its profound influence for good throughout the world, I sought more concrete evidence of its divine source.

The first clue had its origin in the knowledge that idiomatic expressions and other figures of speech are difficult to translate correctly. Typical examples are such terms as: "By and large," "a far cry," and "take to heart," "a these and scores of similar expressions, the meaning departs from the usual dictionary definitions of the component words.

I learned also that, during the time of the first World War, 1914-18, at least one U.S. Government agency employed a capable linguist to review correspondence and official papers sent to foreign countries, that would require translating.

The purpose was to remove all figures of speech so as to expedite rapid and correct translation — and thus prevent possible misunderstanding. It is common knowledge that languages grow as speakers and writers coin new words and phrases, some of which gain public acceptance and gradually come into general use. Yet acceptance precedes by many years their appearance in dictionaries or reference books.

Figurative Expressions Rare

Having in mind these facts that concern authorship and translation, I read carefully the first ten chapters of 1 Nephi and was astonished that it contained no idiomatic or other figurative expressions whatever, except the very familiar "It came to pass." This was evidence to me that a high intelligence was responsible for either the original authorship of the Book of Mormon, or its translation, and probably for both.

Unless a writer or translator deliberately aims to exclude figures of speech, they tend to become an integral part of his literary product. The same intelligence appears to have been aware, also, that the Book of Mormon would eventually be translated into many foreign languages.

It was inconceivable to me that an unlettered young man, like Joseph Smith living more than 100 years ago, would be familiar with such literary matters that still are not widely known. Moreover, it is obvious from history that no English was written or spoken on the American Continent during the period of some ten centuries covered by the Book of Mormon, so any account written by the inhabitants must have been in another language.

Nor is there any record or likelihood of any dictionary, available to Joseph Smith, giving English equivalents for the original language in which the chapters of the book were written. More than that, the diction used, extent of vocabulary, maturity of thought, and the wisdom displayed could not be those of a young man — since all those elements commonly develop slowly with literary experience and with age.

Divine Influence

Thus I began to acquire a firm testimony that the directing power, responsible for the Book of Mormon, must be superhuman and that the men concerned with authorship and translation, were instruments under divine guidance. To give such testimony a severe practical test, I decided to compare the length of the book with the time required for its translation, and then compare that result with the output of translators with whom I had worked.

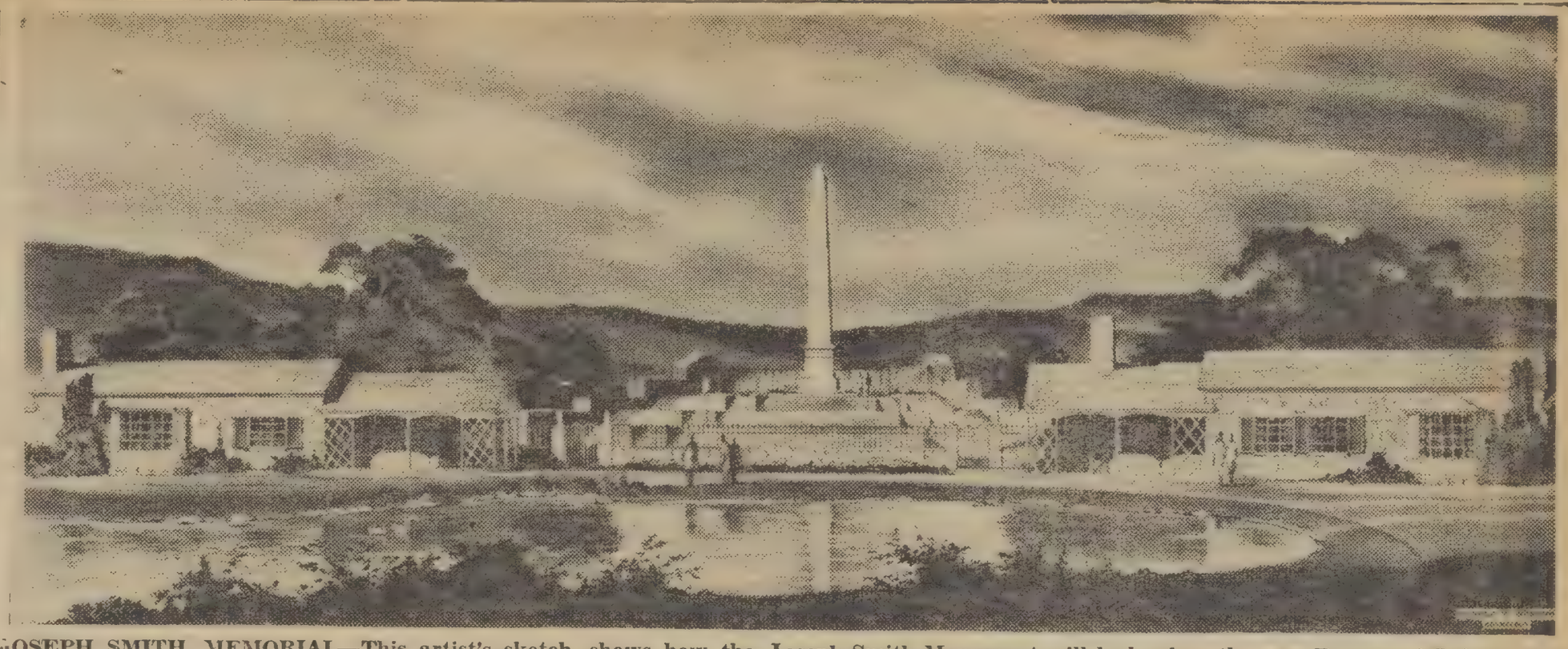
I learned that Joseph Smith had translated the Book of Mormon plates in about 72 days. Simple calculation showed that the 522 pages in my copy of the book contains upwards of 365,000 words. This figure, divided by 72 working days, gives an average production of more than 5,000 words of manuscript a day.

From previous experience in the production of a report on an international conference, involving translations from German, French, and Spanish, I recalled that competent diligent translators, skilled in those languages, averaged about 1,800 words of finished manuscript daily. Moreover they had ready access to bilingual and other helpful references; and the modern text in those languages offered no material difficulties.

By comparison, it was incredible to me that Joseph Smith, with his limited education, could produce a remarkable book with more than twice the facility of a professional translator — the former working with a strange ancient language and the latter with a familiar modern one. Yet the Book of Mormon is a reality.

When capable missionaries presented still other evidence of the authenticity of the book and the principles of L.D.S. faith, they had little difficulty bringing about my acceptance and baptism. Later I learned of supplementary Church literature and certain Aztec historical records, all of further corroborating nature. My testimony in this written form is prompted by an editorial suggestion, in a Church publication, that members tell of new, fresh, religious viewpoints.

Inner promptings are, of course, the usual and most dominant influences that lead to the bearing of testimonies. Faith based solely on spiritual promptings is to be greatly admired and respected. But when one's faith has the further support of substantial evidence within one's own field of knowledge and experience, Paul's injunction to "Prove all things" becomes a fulfilled reality. Such is my testimony.



JOSEPH SMITH MEMORIAL—This artist's sketch shows how the Joseph Smith Monument will look when the new Bureau of Information and administrator's cottage are completed in 1960. Elder and Mrs. Nathan Tolman of Berkeley First Ward are the present administrators.

SHRINE ADMINISTRATORS—Elder and Mrs. Nathan Tolman have a trailer for their headquarters at the Joseph Smith Monument while construction progresses on the new Bureau of Information buildings. The old cottage was considered inadequate for year-round use, and will be replaced by more modern facilities by 1960. The Tolmans will return to this area in October, after two years of service.

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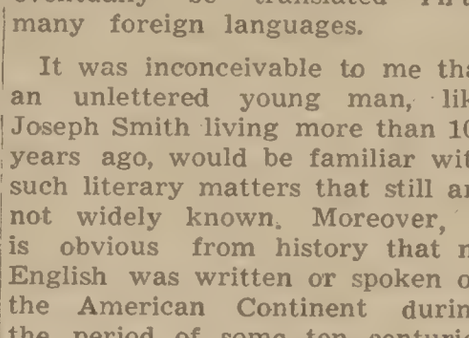

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Rodeo Ward

Buck Heart Condition Fatal

Raymond Wilson Buck, 10-year old son of Frederick and Kathryn Birdsell Buck, and foster son of Brother and Sister James Majestic of 2333 Dolores Ct., Pinole, succumbed at Children's Hospital in Oakland on Aug. 8, after "open heart" surgery for a congenital heart condition.

He and his 9-year old brother, Gordon, came to live with the Majestics one year ago. The boys were taught the Gospel by Elders Atwood and Wirick and wanted to be baptized. County policy would not allow baptism for them, however. Raymond was a very spiritual boy and knew he would see and know all of us again. He accepted Jesus as his Savior and bore his testimony of his belief in the restored gospel.

His surgery was not in vain, for doctors confirmed that many things were learned which will help other children with similiar heart conditions. His life expectancy without surgery was one year.

A memorial Fund has been sent in his name by the Rodeo Primary to Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Alamoda Ward

William Schow Is New Counselor; Joe Smith Superintendent Of MIA

By Gaylene Vincent

Alameda ward once again has a change in bishopric. Robert Petersen was released and William Schow sustained as second counselor to Bishop Nicolaysen with Ralph Lane continuing as first counselor.

The young Men's Mutual was also reorganized with Orvil Armintrout released and Joe Smith sustained superintendent. Walter Napolean and Marvin Johnson will continue as counselors.

Vacation Data: Delora Pugh and family had a visit from her brother, Dennis Davis and family, and returned with them to Pleasant Grove, Utah, for a few weeks vacation. Rita Wilson and children spent a month in Louisana with her family. Don and Meda Hughes with their daughter, Joyce Tedders, visited a week in Los Angeles with Meda's sister and family.

Vivian Nicolaysen and children along with Vera Soots visited with the Ralph Lanes at their Mountain retreat in Twainheart for a week. Walter and Kay Napolean enjoyed a visit with family and friends in the Hawiian Islands during August. Robert and Mabel Petersen and family took a trip to Eureka to visit her family.

Charles and Ruth Goodfellow and family had an enjoyable vacation in Ogden, Utah with family and friends. Murray and Emma Eliason and their grandsons enjoyed a motor trip along the California coast. Jack and Loraine Powell will spend the next three months in San Bernadino to be near her sister, Shirley, who is seriously ill. They will also visit their son, Gary, and his wife in Torrance, California.

Edna Burke and children spent a number of weeks in Southern California visiting her two daughters and families and getting acquainted with a new grandchild.

Venice Mortensen visited in Inglewood, Calif., with her family. While in Southern California she spent a few days with Wayne and Elizabeth Lambourne and family. She found them well, missing Alameda Ward, and tired from looking for a house. They have located one in Fullerton and will move there Sept. 1.

Carol Durham's Daughter, Carolyn, has been teaching school in Iran the past three years and will return to the Island City by way of the Far East. She plans to teach in San Francisco next year.

The Slangerups welcome an addition to their family group. Virginia Villamore an exchange student from Bacalod City, the Phillippines, will stay with them while she studies at Encinal High School.

Arnold and Hazel Bangerter enjoyed a three weeks visit from their daughter, Loa Cheney and family from Fairview, Utah. Visiting Verla Smith in August was her sister, Irma Jean Myers, and two children from Linwood, Calif.

A group of 35 scouts and 14 adults spent the weekend of July 18, at Alameda Ward. They were on a bus trip from the fifteenth ward in Salt Lake City and on their way to Disneyland. Mildred Fralick's cousins, Hyrum and Thelma Blosch, were among the adults.

During the week of August 9-15, about 15 Alameda ward Scouts the trip was Robert De Celle, scoutmaster, assisted by Bud Cook, Arlon Cook and Joel Osburn.

The young girls of our ward popular for their Polynesian dancing performed Maori and Samoan dances at a luau in San Francisco on August 14.

The young people of our ward returning to Brigham Young University in September are Singe Slangerup, Diane Whiffen, Earl Cardon, Judy Eliason, Peggy Rutherford, Rodney Pocock, and Duane and Allen Hunt.

The Alameda ward members express deep sympathy to the family of Margaret Hatch who passed away on August 8 after a prolonged illness. She is survived by her husband, Theron, a son, Thomas, now fulfilling a Swiss-Austrian Mission, her mother, Mary Elizabeth Jones, and eight sisters and two brothers.

Oakland Second Ward

J. Rounds Called To Finn Mission

Jay C. Rounds, son of Bishop Glenn C. and Mrs. Ruth Rounds will be honored at a farewell testimonial to be given at the Oakland Second Ward Chapel, 98th Ave. and Thermal Street, Friday, September 11, 1959 at 7:30 P.M. There will be a reception and social following the program. He enters the Mission Home Sept. 28.

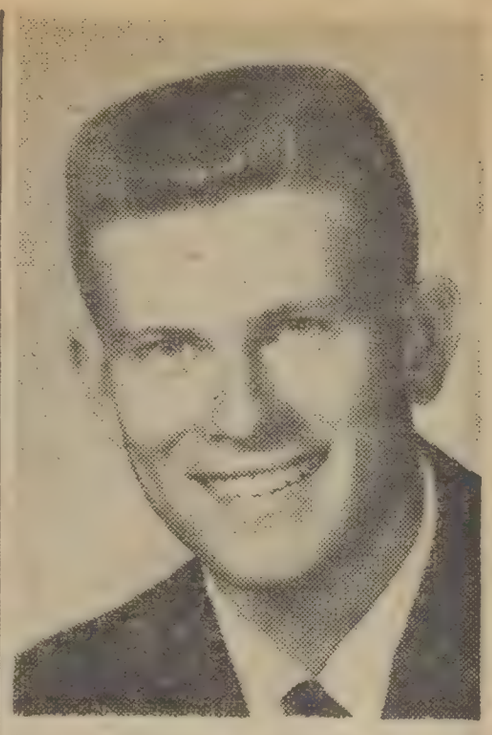
Jay has been attending the Brigham Young University for the past three years where he is majoring in statistics in the College of Business.

While at the university he was busy in Church activities. He served as Assistant Sunday School Superintendent of the 16th Ward, B. Y. U. Stake, and was the first superintendent of the 21st Ward Sunday School.

He is a graduate of Castlemont High School where he was Public Relations Editor of the school paper. He is a life member of the California Scholarship Federation and was active in student body affairs while attending that school. Upon graduating Jay received an academic scholarship to B. Y. U.

In church activity Jay's record has been outstanding. He has attended every Sacrament meeting, and all but one Priesthood meeting which has been held in the the wards-in which he has lived since he was ordained a Deacon. It was necessary to be absent from one Priesthood meting in order to attend a Sunday School Convention. He has also been active in scouting and was one of the first recipients of the Duty-to-God Award in this area.

Bishop Rounds and family will spend a short vacation in Utah and Idaho with Jay, prior to his entering the mission home September 28. He will leave by air from Salt Lake City on October 4th for New York City where he will immediately depart for Finland by K. L. M. air lines.



JAY ROUNDS to Finland.

JAMES YOUNG—to Mexico.

San Mateo Ward

James Young To Mexican Mission

By S. S. Gibb

Elder James R. Young was honored at a farewell testimonial service at the San Mateo Ward on Sunday, August 9. He will represent the San Mateo Ward in the Northern Mexican Mission.

On August 16 he flew to Salt Lake City to spend a week at the mission Home prior to departure August 24, for Monterrey, Mexico.

Elder Young is 22, and has served four years in the U.S. Air Force. During the past school year he attended B.Y.U. where he was prominent on the gymnastics team. He graduated from the North Hollywood High School.

He is the son of Marjorie Reay of 163 Lakeshore Drive, San Mateo, president of the ward YW-MIA. Following his mission he plans to return to B. Y. U. to complete his education in dentistry.

Mission Head Is Released

After nearly four years of stake missionary work, Palo Alto Stake Mission President Glen Wade has been released. A record number of new converts were brought into the Church by Palo Alto Stake Missionaries under President Wade's effective leadership.

This record, together with the personal respct and loyalty of the missionaries is indicative of the fine work President Wade accomplished. His new Church assignment is in the Palo Alto Stake High Council.

The new Stake Mission President is Robert M. Ord, from the Menlo Park Ward. President Ord has taught the gospel and been in missionary and leadership positions most of his adult life. He came into the Palo Alto Stake Mission early in 1958 from the Seventy's Presidency. Since then his teaching and leadership have been a source of inspiration to Palo Alto Stake Missionaries.

First and second counselors to President Ord are President Harold Judd from Sunnyvale Ward and President Llewellyn Leigh from the Menlo Park Ward.

Golden Gleaners Enjoy Barbecue

The East Bay Golden Gleaners and their partners joined together on July 27, for their annual summer barbeque party at the home of Armis and Lee Ashby in Oakland. The sixty guests were served barbecued beef sandwiches, salad, punch and pies. A program followed the dinner.

A trio, Estrella Olszowski, Donna Weir and Catherine Russell, sang several numbers. Carol Steward, Dean Murphy, Joan Stamm, Shirley Troub, Oral Grow, Lola Payne and Tillie Dunn gave a skit, "The Walk Home from a Buggy Ride." An original reading by Gwen Edmunds gave many kinds of talks sometimes heard in church, from a five-year-old's Mother's Day speech, to the message of the Stake President when he has come to divide a ward.

Next spring will bring a Northern California Master M-Men and Golden Gleaner Dinner Dance to the East Bay Inter-stake Center. Plans are now in the making for this affair, which is patterned after a similar event in Salt Lake City. All Master M-Men and Golden Gleaners should make sure that their stake leaders have a record of them so that they may be contacted later about this event.

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Berkeley Second Ward

New Son, Russian Trip, Visit Keep Stevensons On The Jump

By Vaunee T. Larson

A new baby boy, a scientific trip to Russia for Daddy and a visit from the grandparents—three wonderful events all happening at the same time have caused some excitement in the M. Lynn Steveson family, of Berkeley Second Ward.

Conrad Joseph Stevenson obligingly weighed in at 7 lbs., 12 oz. on July 15, the day before his father, a research physicist at the U.C.Radiation Laboratory, left with a group of scientists headed by Dr. McMillan, head of the Radiation Laboratory, for the International Convention of High Energy Physics held at Kiev, Russia.

Dr. Stevenson is one of a team of scientists who worked almost day and night on the successful experiment to get a beam into the new hydrogen bubble chamber. This was accomplished, for the first time, and, as a result, a new particle called anti-Lambda was discovered. At the convention in Russia, Dr. Stevenson presented a paper and showed pictures that revealed this new particle. Because of the world-wide scientific importance of this discovery the U.C.'s part on the convention program was a big success. Following the week's meetings Dr. Stevenson toured Europe before flying home. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Stevenson of Ogden, Utah, visited with his family for several weeks.

LARSONS LEAVE

Not only the Ward but their friends all over the Bay area will miss Gail and Gunnar Larson who leave in September for a new home and business in Salt Lake City. Their summer months have included vacationing at Oceanside near Los Angeles and a four weeks' Hawaiian trip.

Our own Dr. C. Ray Thompson headed the studies in the Western Utilization Research and Development Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Service which may save some $25 million worth of vitamins in the annual production of dehydrated alfalfa. Among some 400 chemicals tested, a new compound, "EMQ," was adopted as the best additive in dehydrated alfalfa meal. Since the July announcement of the results of these studies, more than half the nation's dehydrated alfalfa meal producers have obtained licenses from the Secretary of Agriculture to use the vitamin stabilizer.

"It's great—the best physical therapy I've ever had and the best I can get anywhere,' Robert Baer commented about his summer's weekday vacations at the Kaiser Therapy Center in Vallejo. Home for the weekends but gone through the week has been the pattern for his physical therapy care.

STAKE WINNER

All the anxiety of a First Nighter was felt by the cast and the parents of the cast of "Cinderoola," the stake winner in the Road Show contest. This hilarious hit had original music by Ken Kennedy. Others who contributed original words and songs—who wrote it and put it together were Jean Paulson, Janet Balmforth, Roy and Helen Clovis and Cal Smith. Now "Cinderoola," one rung up on the ladder to success will be presented in a division contest with other stake winners. That winner finally gets to Salt Lake City for presentation.

So that parents may know and understand the new changes in MIA beginning with the fall opening classes the following schedule is presented by the MIA officers:

6:45 p.m.—Executive meeting

7:00-7:10 p.m.—Ward officers and teachers prayer meeting

7:15-7:30 p.m.—MIA opening exercises

7:30-8:20—Class lessons on all nights, except for general activity.

8:20-8:55 p.m.—MIA activity on all nights except for age-group nights.

8:55-9:00 p.m.—Reassembly and dismissal.

"This is the new church-wide change in our program. We have new names for some of our classes. We invite all to come out to our MIA and get acquainted with all the leaders. We have a wonderful Special Interest Class which now has a new name, "Mutual Marrieds," with president of the class—Priel Green and teachers, Rose Ogden and Grace Hopkins.

YOUTH PROGRAM

"To keep our youth safe, happy and spiritually fed, teach them love for their fellowmen, teach them the gospel and teach them to be outstanding young men and women. President Eisenhower said what we need today is a world-wide youth program for the youth of today. We have such a program and we as parents should see that our youth get the full benefit of it.

"Brothers and Sisters we need your help in getting all our young people to MIA. We are not concerned with records; we are concerned with the youth we love. Bring your boys and girls; come to Mutual with them. We have wonderful classes for all. Looking forward to meeting you there."

(Signed) Bessie Roberts
President
Herbert Layton, Superintendent

BAZAAR COMING

Our Country Fair Bazaar on Saturday, October 17 is already generating activity. There are good things for sale right now—frozen preserves, home-made candy and pickles. For the purchase of these items call Clyde Rasmussen, Bazaar chairman. To mention only a few of the attractions, there will be a dinner, an Attic Treasures booth, a Photo Gallery, games of skill and a door prize. The Relief Society sewing has been in full swing. Sister Frances Kendrick who so graciously does Relief Society phoning reminds the ladies that pillow slips, aprons and dish towels are always good items for that booth. Clean, usable clothing, especially children's, should be saved for the Clothing Exchange booth.

Ray Karpus is glad to get bundles of newspapers for the High Priests' paper project. Call Ray or leave the papers on the Church

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Oakland Fourth Ward

James W. Geddes, Ward Leader, Leaving For B.Y.U. To Teach

By Vera Johnston

James W. Geddes, member of the Oakland Fourth ward, will be leaving soon to accept a teaching position on the faculty of Brigham Young University. He will be teaching in the Department of Business Management, College of Business, during the coming school year.

A native of Bandita, Idaho, Jim has always been active in Church activities. He served a mission in Eastern Canada after completing two years at the University of Idaho in Moscow. He completed his undergraduate training and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from B.Y.U. in 1954. While on the BYU Campus he was president of the Associated Men Students, Wing Commander in A.F.R.O.T.C. and a member of the Student Body Cabinet. He was affiliated with Delta Phi, Blue Key, and Legislative Council.

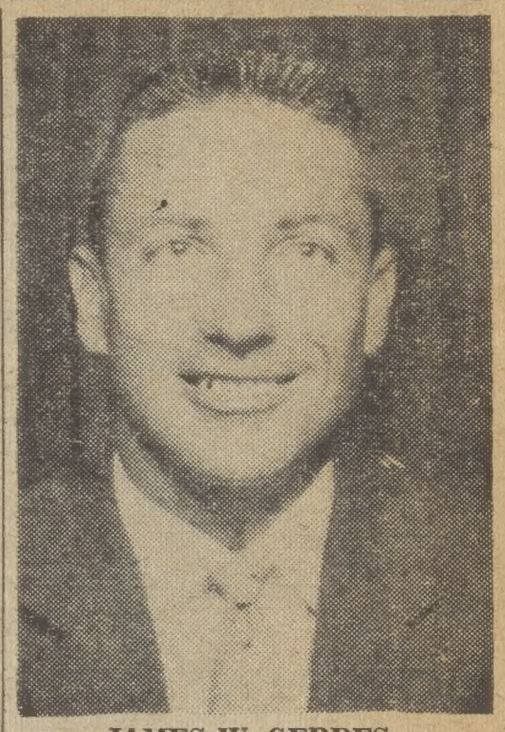
Brother Geddes received his commission in the U. S. Air Force in 1954. He served three years in the Air Force and received training in flying jet aircraft. While stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he fulfilled a stake Mission and served as president of what is now the Albuquerque Stake Mission.

He married Sylvia Jean Meyers of Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1955 in the Salt Lake Temple. They have three children, Patti-2½ Michael 1½ and Deanna -6 months.

For the past two years he has been doing graduate work in Business Administration at the University of California at Berkeley. He has also been Teachers' Quorum Advisor, Gospel Doctrine Teacher and Superintendent of Y.M.M.I.A.

Kenneth C. Walden, former member of this ward, is superintendent of the Sunday School of the South Weymouth area in Weymouth, Mass. The new sunday school will be for the 31 L. D. S. families and friends now living there. Up until the organization of this group the people have been meeting at Cambridge or Foboro. Brother Walden has served as a stake missionary in this stake and at the same time had served in the navy. He is a commissaryman third class and is assigned to the South Weymouth Naval Air station. His wife and four children are with him.

Brother and sister Bolinder are happy with their little Heide Marie who was born July 21. Curg and Darlene Johnson's baby was born July 28 and died July 30. His name is Marc Warren Johnson.



JAMES W. GEDDES

Bonnie Hawkins spent the summer at Tremonton, Utah with her 84 year old paternal grandmother. Pat Holiday, guest of the Hawkins family, conducted the music in primary for Leah Finch while she was here. She is from Winnemucca, Neveda. Jim Lamph, Earl Phillips, Toby Wright, Mark Lauper, Marilyn Stewart and the Bybees, Castles, Nelsons and Poores have been enjoying some of the summer days at Lake Tahoe.

On August 6th a bridal shower was given honoring Bonnie Bramwell. The hostesses were Margaret Wright, Tena Nackos, Nana Folk-

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San Mateo Stake

Pioneer Day Celebration In Santa Cruz Mountains

By S. W. Taylor

First stake use of the new, 550-acre Tri-Stake Recreation Area in the Santa Cruz mountains was made by San Mateo stake July 25, in celebration of Mormon Pioneer Day.

Several hundred people found their way up the winding road into the clearing among the oaks and redwoods, the bay trees and madrone, and, ignoring the dust the bulldozers had mulched up in last-minute preparation of the area for the event, visited with friends and hiked along the trails to explore the valleys and ridges, the cliffs and the forests of the area acquired for the use of San Jose, Palo Alto, and San Mateo stakes.

For many of them, this was the first view of what they had been buying with money donated to the "Progress Fund," initiated by the stake for various objectives. Here was something concrete and tangible, quite a buy for a dollar a week — and with a stake house, a farm, and a temple yet to come from the fund.

When the picnic baskets were unpacked, the fried chicken and potato salad was vastly different from what the Utah pioneers ate on their first day in the Salt Lake valley; yet the thoughts of the people were in a strange way similar.

The men were thinking, as their grandparents had, of the work ahead — the ground to be cleared, the roads to be built, water to be developed, the dry dust turned green.

The women were thinking of their part in helping and encouraging the men and they were calculating how much soap and water it would take to scrub the kids and wash the clothing. The children, exactly like kids of long ago, were reveling in sucffling in the soft dust, gathering pine cones, climbing cliffs, and throwing things.

In the evening, when everyone gathered around to hear Stake President William L. Stoker talk about the pioneers, and listen to the ballad singing, there was a feeling of being at one with our ancestors. They, too, had sat under the stars, to have their spirits lifted and renewed with music and inspired thoughts.

San Mateo Stake

Week Of Fun At Liahona Lodge Is Reported

By Ida Clark

Eighty-four Beehives, MIA-Maids, and Junior Gleaners with their counselors left San Mateo by bus July 20, to join the camp Liahona high in the Sierras above Sonora, where you feel as one with God and the elements.

Sister Ellen Lloyd, camp director, planned the menus and compiled food and supply orders, which were transported to camp by Ken Peterson, his son and Robert Denny.

Friendship Fire

The first night campfire featured group singing and a "fire of friendship," where each staff member and counselor placed a stick on the fire to symbolize the phase of friendship she named. It was "New Friend Flossie Day," so old campers introduced new friends.

Tuesday the girls were introduced to the week's program of nature, crafts, games, swimming and camp duties as planned by Charlene Denny. At 7:30 p.m., Mutual was opened with prayer and a word of welcome by Sister Pearl Dean. The time was then given to the girls for testimonies. The next half hour was one of inspiration, listening to the testimonies of these girls. Classes were held, following by campfire with skits and songs, carrying out the day's fairy tale theme.

Wednesday was "Indian Pow-wow Day," a rainy day spent doing crafts and making drums for the pow-wow, under the instruction of Marge Skanky, Camp craft director. The skies cleared in time for the campfire which featured Indian dancers, skits and legends.

Thursday's camp activities resumed as scheduled with "Backward Day."

Then came Friday, Pioneer Day, with bonnets, costumes, group pictures, skits and music in keeping with the occasion. Brother and Sister Whitney Groo arrived in time for Friday night campfire which was followed by hymns sung from the lodge veranda by the three Junior Counselors and five Redwood City MIA-Maids. Each night campfire ended with a closed circle prayer followed by the beautiful voices of these eight girls.

Saturday — Flag ceremony — breakfast — pack — break camp — a quick trip to favorite spots for picture taking — long hot trip home — reunion with family and friends — bid "Flossie" goodbye with the words, "Camp was better this year than ever before."

The following people deserve a special mention and thanks for their services:

Sister Ellen Lloyd, camp director, for a whole year spent in planning so carefully to make camp a success. Sister Pearl Dean, head counselor and campfire director, Sister Charlene Denny, program director, and the girls taking part in the daily planned hike, "Spirit of the MIA" which Sister Denny directed. Sister Virginia Tueller, R. N., for her health program. There was no illness requiring a Doctor's attention. Sister Claudia Fitz, covering the water front. Sister Marge Skanky for a choice collection of handicraft.

Brothers Guy Roberts and Ray Blead, wood detail. Sister Jenny Starkley and Mrs. Lattie Denny, cooks. Alice Steed, Claire Brockhoff and Ethelyn McCoy as camp-aids. Those serving as counselors were: Sisters Jane Steed, Donna Taufer, Genile Elliot, Redwood City; Wilma Eutice, San Mateo; Alma Eicke, San Mateo II; Doris Malstrom, Burlingame; Ida Clark, San Bruno.

Special guests were Sister Rhea Gustaveson, former YWMIA president of San Mateo Stake, and her daughters Cheryl and Robin of Sacramento.

Girls earning swimming awards were: Jane Basney, Susan Norden and Earlene Short.

Girls earning camp-crafter award were: Claire Brockhoff, Robin Fogg, Barbara Thompson, Gayle Jean Groo, Audrey Davis, Jan Mondfrans ,Louise Dean, Linda Caufield, Sandra Meisner, Robin Gustaveson and Sisters Rhea Gustaveson, Lorena Waggoner and Charlene Denny.

Sisters Ellen Lloyd and Pearl Dean were hostesses at a luncheon for the members of the 1959 San Mateo Stake Camp Liahona staff and Counselors at the home of Sister Dean on Aug. 3.

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Stone Praises Big Week Here

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President Stone pointed out that this activity already has been tremendously successful in Utah, Arizona and Southern California.

"Because of the growing Church membership in Northern California the Regional Council and the Brigham Young University scheduled this outstanding event for the first time in the Bay Area at our new Interstake Center.

"All members and friends are invited to attend and participate in this week of instruction and self-improvement.

"It has been given the name Leadership Week because each member of the LDS Church is a potential leader and must prepare himself or herself for service opportunities.

"Outstanding members of the BYU faculty have been chosen as instructors. These well-qualified men and women have prepared valuable information for young and old.

"Sister Stone and I registered early for these sessions. It is my sincere hope that the members of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake and our sister stakes, will support this fine activity and take advantage of this unique opportunity to advance ourselves — academically, socially, physically and spiritually."

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On August 21 the Scouts and Explorers of the two Berkeley wards left on their annual pack trip—this time a fifty mile hike into the Kings Canyon area. Led by such men as Gordon Rose, Walt Basinger and Bill Cain, these pack trips into rugged back country become cherished memories and young men far beyond Explorer age feel the urge to go along too.

NEW JOB

We'll miss the friendly face of Ferron Olson, former Elder's Quorum president, at our ward meetings but were happy to know that in his new office as Counselor in the University Ward he will be inspiring many young men and women to further good works.

Barbara Jane Dunham, weighing 7 lbs. 6½ oz., born June 10 to Janet and Scott Dunham was blessed at the August fast meeting by her father, our Ward Statistical Clerk.

Donna Dee Horton, lovely bride-to-be of Bradley Derr and the daughter of Mrs. Videt Horton of Berkeley, was confirmed by Clyde Derr. After their fall wedding, Bradley, who has been attending Utah State University at Logan will enter his senior year at U.C., majoring in political science and history.

Don Carpenter has been advanced to the office of priest.

Recent Primary graduates are David Storey, Gordon Cain and Gregory Evans.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the new members who have come into the ward. Why not make a personal effort to meet these friends?? Alice Bensi, 89 Kensington Road, Berkeley; Carol and Kathleen Bertoglio, 707 Johnson St., Albany; James and Suzanne Dixon with Mark and Diane, 515 Spokane, Albany; Robert Ellsworth, 1490 A Solano, Albany; Charles and Sarah Humphreys with Sarah, Charles and Scott, 750 Balra Drive, El Cerrito; Gary and Linda Mayberry with Peggy Lynn, 6938 Portola, El Cerrito. Linda is the neice of Leon Baer. Thomas Massey, 642 Albemarle, El Cerrito; Robert Pinney, 810 Vincente Ave., Berkeley; Carol Thulin at the home of her parents', 900 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Carol has been attending school and teaching school in Utah the past several years.

For the second summer Nina Paulson has been a counselor at the Cazadero Music Camp. Nina, daughter of Jean and LaVerne Paulson, is a junior at San Francisco State.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thulin became grandparents on the eve of Elder Thulin's retirement as chief of the El Cerrito Police Department. A girl, Stacy Lee, weighing 7½ pounds, was born August 14 to Don and Dorraine Thulin Turner of Montana. The baby is the first grandchild on both sides of the family. Mrs. Thulin went to Montana to be joined later by Mr. Thulin.

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San Mateo Stake

Beauty, Charm And Humor Highlight S.M. Aquacade

A program including everything from "Siamese Cats" to "Pocahontas" featured the second annual Aquacade of the San Mateo Stake, which was held the evening of August 8 at the pool of the Hillsdale high school.

Except for one number, the 15 events were presented by all-Mormon talent, in contrast to last year, when outside swimmers filled in for the inexperienced LDS talent.

Under the theme of "Coral Seas," the program was a combination of beauty, charm, humor, beauty and charm. In other words the gals were cute as buttons and the boys were funny.

Spectacle Number

High point of the charm department was the big spectacle number, "South Pacific," involving the entire cast. Biggest laugh-getter of the show was "Nightgown Relay," in which boys in nightgowns engaged in a relay race, changing the nightgown for each leg of the race.

The "foreign" act, "Canoe Magic," presented a swimming exhibition and amazing canoe handling by Carolyn and Herb Knight, who got a big hand.

The complete program consisted of 1, "Song of Siam;" 2, "Dilly Dallies;" 3, "Return to Paradise;" 4, "Enchanted Island;" 5, "Pocahontas;" 6, "Nightgown Relay;" 7, "Siamese Cats;" 8, "Hawaiian War Chant;" 9, "Evolution of Swimming;" 10, "Canoe Magic;" 11, "Revolution of Swimming;" 12, "Polynesian Dancer;" 13, "South Pacific;" 14, "High Flyers - Fancy Diving;" and, 15, "Oh Boy!"

In charge of the production was Perry Leavitt, assistant director of First Aid Water Safety for nine western states for the Red Cross. Leavitt also acted as master of ceremonies and did a clown act which included an exhibition of furious swimming with arms flailing and feet churning, during which time he moved backwards instead of forwards.

MIA Participants

MIA participants were, Redwood City ward, David Clark, Linda Sanders, Alan Cassell, Marlene Walkup, and Ingrid Jowanka; San Carlos ward, Leona Ball, Sue Taylor, Diane Olsen, Fred Nelson and Judy Elmore; San Mateo ward, Pam Martin; San Mateo. Second ward, Barbara Eicke, Louise Dean and Jan Monfrans; Burlingame ward, Bob Workman, Doug Workman, John Palmer, Nathan Howard, Pam Razovich, Sharon Acord, and Linda Moore; Sharp Park branch, Mary Steed; San Bruno ward, Roger Dabney, Richard Rogers, Roger Leavitt, Dave Sutton, Chris Knight, Dorothy Waldron, Charon Brown, Sharon Bearce, Betty Jan Leavitt, Delone Waldron, and Gayle Jeanne Groo.

Assisting Perry Leavitt in the production were Herb and Carolyn Knight, coaching stunts; Georgie Wallace, in charge of synchronized group; Lorena Wagner, costumes, personnel and enrollment; Robert and Charlene Denny, sound and lights; and Melva Herbert, costumes.

The show was produced under the auspices of the Stake MIA, headed by Pearl Dean and S. Ken Peterson, with R. Whitney Groo, the supervising High Council member.

James Geddes..

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man, Margarie Hawkins, Barbara Martin and Lela Roe. One of the guests not of the church was Beatrice Ash, the artist of the painting in the hall, of Oakland Fourth ward chapel.

Sylvia Geddes, Marilyn Ashby, Lorretta Campbell and Shirley Robbins delighted Trudi Bolinder with a baby shower on Wed. Aug. 13. and on August 17 Claudia Monson was honored with a party given by Tena Nackos. Nana Folkman, and Gladys Olson, Claudia had a boy.

Mark the calendar on Sept. 30, a Wednesday evening. The ward welfare dinner will be given then and you are especially invited.

Sharp Park Branch

Building Fund Talents Doubled

The Sunday School Superintendency of the Branch distributed several 5-dollar bills to members of the Sunday School last month with the understanding that through some project they might make the five dollars grow to twice its size or more in a given length of time. The total amount earned is then to be turned back to the Sunday School which will in turn donate it toward the building fund. Sister Kent Crosby has shown a good example by more than tripling hers through a candy-making project.

President Seymour P. Steed and family spent the first week in August vacationing in Pinecrest, located just out of Sonoma. The vacation was the first President Steed has been able to take with his family in eight years.

Under the supervision of Sisters Jane Steed and Donna Taufer, the following girls spent from July 20 to the 25th at Camp Liahona: Gayle Zaft, Judy Taufer, Karen Keating, Lisa Green, Lela and Mary Carpenter, Patricia Heppler, Leslie Pettibone, Linda Caufield, Mary Cavalli and Jane Basney.

Elizabeth Ann Roberts was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on August 1 by Robert Perry, and confirmed Sunday morning, August 2, by Thomas Woods. Brothers Perry and Woods are Stake Missionaries and members of the Sharp Park Branch.

The John P. Russell family may soon return to the Branch. Brother Russell recently left Federal Pacific Electric Company, the nation's sixth largest manufacturer of electrical distribution and control equipment. He was transferred from this area to Newark, New Jersey where he headed up the entire corporate advertising and public relations function. Mr. Russell will be seeking employment in this area.

Harry Alvin Nickerson, an elder, passed away on July 24, L. D. S. services were held in Merced. The graveside prayer was offered at the National Cemetery in Colma.

The Sharp Park Branch served fried chicken for lunch to approximately one thousand people on August 23 at the San Mateo Stake Quarterly Conference to be held in the new East Bay Interstake Center. Everyone is invited — one dollar per plate — benefit Sharp Park Branch development fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent M. Crosby announce the marriage of their daughter, Janice, to Mr. Robert Lee Quaney on Saturday, August 22, at the Los Angeles Temple.

San Mateo Stake

Mormons On School Board

Further evidence of the Mormon menace was unearthed recently by the discovery of two LDS members on the Redwood City School Board, and two more on the School Board of San Carlos. Certainly, considering their numbers in relation to the total population, this is a situation to give one pause. Those Mormons keep right on boring from within, and just never give up.

Now they're getting a hammerlock on education down the Peninsula.

However, the voters seem unconcerned about the threat. Donald G. Baker, Mormon member of the Redwood City School Board, was elected despite the fact that he was the only one of seven candidates who listed his religious affiliation. Or was it because of this? His LDS Confrere on this Board is John Babcock.

The San Carlos School Board has two LDS members in Dr. Ernest Nelson and Lee Chambers. Dr. Nelson is president of the San Carlos Board, as is Babcock at Redwood City.

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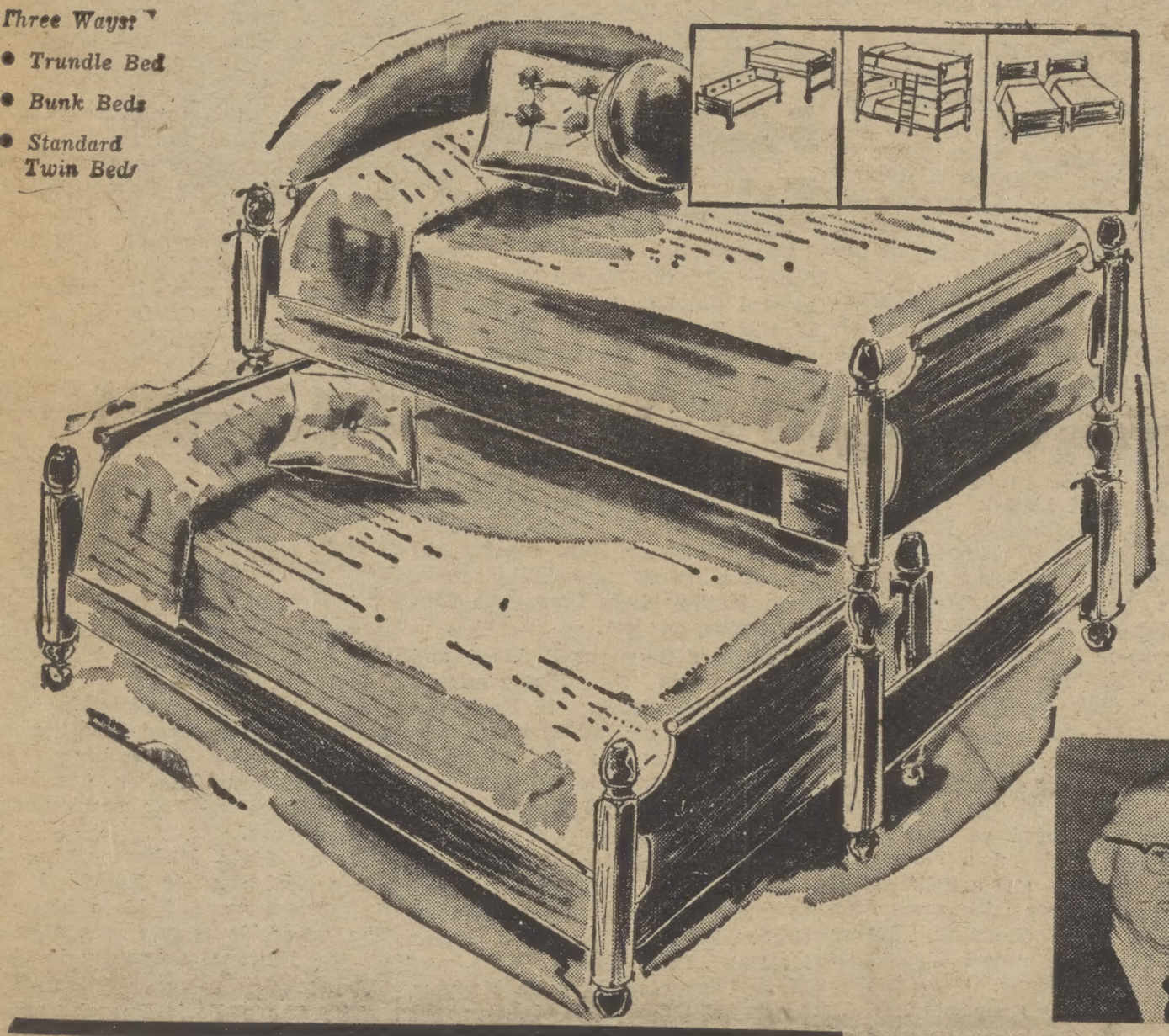

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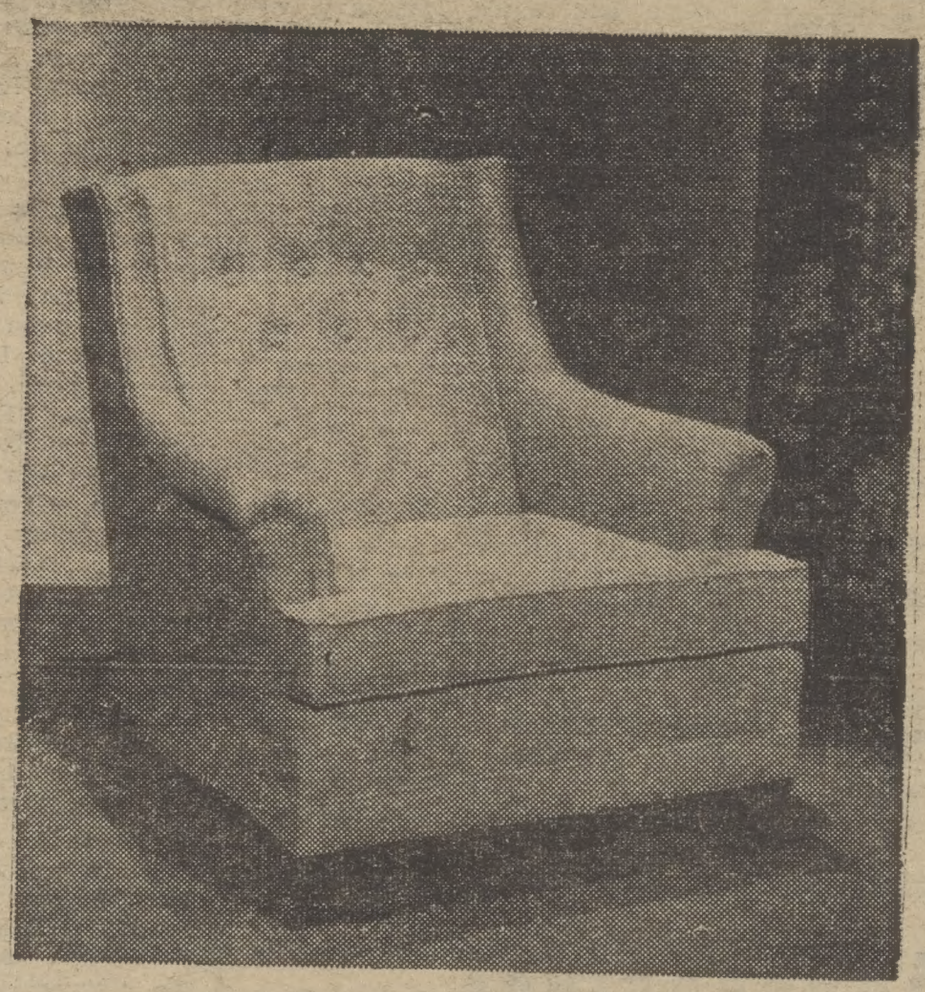

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